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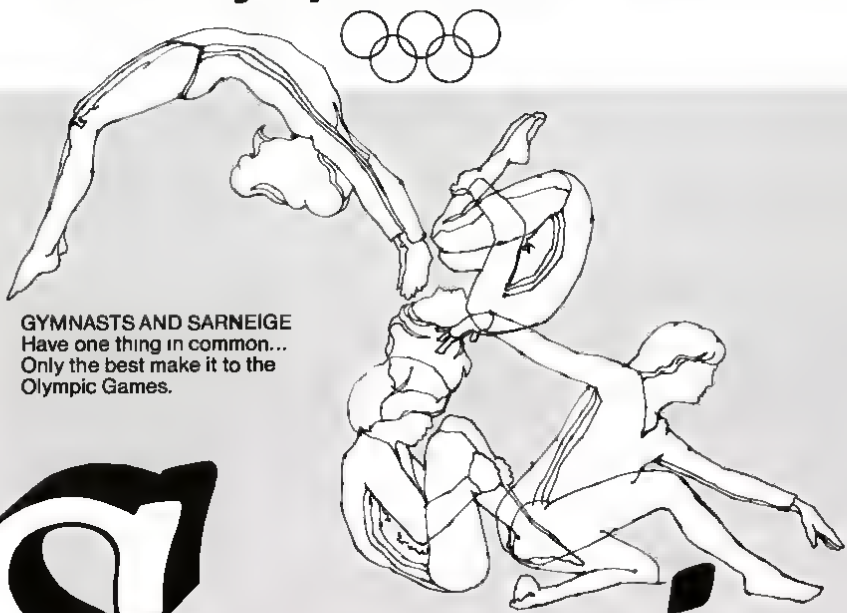

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EDITORIAL

Roger L. Counsil

Onward to Fort Worth.. that is the current theme in the USGF office in Tucson. We are on the threshold of a dream that all of us who are coaches, gymnasts or administrators have had for a long time namely a national training facility for elite men and women, not to mention the boy's and girl's developmental groups. We have dreamed of this facility for years—one in which we can have an ideal training environment that can produce optimum results.

The move will not be a simple one. The USGF office has become quite large compared to its formulative years and there will be much equipment to move. Some of our staff, will elect to stay in Tucson, necessitating the training of some new secretaries and technical staff. The fund raising program needs to continue, both through our fund-raising committee in Fort Worth and nationally through USGF staff efforts if we are to realize our dream. Or course, both fund raising and construction take time, so our exact arrival date in Fort Worth is still somewhat elusive to us. It is highly likely that we will be in Fort Worth in temporary quarters well before construction of Phase I of our new facility- the office complex-is finished.

Concurrent to the normal problems associated with moving to Fort Worth, there are new rumblings of an international east-west confrontation among the world's gymnastics federations. Much dissention was voiced at the recent FIG meeting of Western block nations in Lyon, France. Some twenty-three nations sent delegates all of whom voiced disapproval of the way FIG President Yuri Titov arbitrarily scheduled the FIG Congress for Moscow this summer without due process of the FIG voting membership. In Lyon, President Titov was petitioned by nineteen western members of the FIG to schedule an "extraordinary congress" in Europe prior to the Moscow FIG Congress, to vote on whether or not to allow the Congress in Moscow. As of this printing, it looks very unlikely that there will be an extraordinary Congress because of the lack of support from all the Western nations who had initially indicated that they were in favor of one. We are still strongly supporting our three candidates for the FIG positions. Mr. Frank L. Bare, who is a candidate for FIG President; Mrs. Jackie Fie, candidate for FIG Women's Technical Committee; and Mr. Bill Roetzheim candidate for FIG Men's Technical Committee. We feel that all three candidates have been well known throughout the world gymnastics community for many years and are excellent candidates for their positions.

It is my hope that political differences among the nations participating in the FIG can be resolved.

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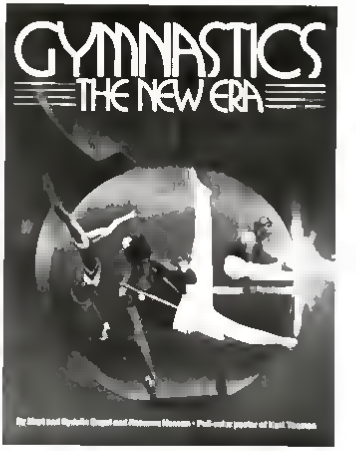

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Peter Vidmar Captures All-Around

1980 Championships of the USA for Men

Many New Faces Surface

Mas Watanabe

The State of Ohio hosted the 1980 Championships of the USA for the second year in a row. Ohio State University, in Columbus, was the sight of the 1980 Championships, which had previously been held in Dayton. Mr. Mike Wilson, men's coach, and Mr. Larry Cook, women's coach, at OSU, did an excellent job of organizing and hosting the competition. A total of 44 gymnasts qualified for the three day meet on April 24, 25 and 26. Of the qualifiers, 40 participated in the Championships. Injuries and illness forced Kurt Thomas, Bart Conner, Mark Gaso and Kelly Crumley to miss the meet.

At the conclusion of the first day of competition, compulsories, there were several surprises, including a rather high percentage of newcomers in the top 14 finishers. With the Olympic Boycott, perhaps creating a loss of motivation, drive and enthusiasm among the top gymnasts, the drive for higher compulsory scores was lacking.

Consistency and experience surfaced once again, as members of the Fort Worth World Championship Team secured the first four places during the compulsories. A very impressive performance by Peter Vidmar, a freshman at UCLA with a score of 57.55 points took the lead. Jim Hartung, Larry Gerard and Tim LaFleur (tied with Casey Edwards), finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th with scores of 56.85, 56.35 and 56.20 respectively.

Many outstanding improvements were made over last year by such gymnasts as Casey Edwards, 4th, and Wallace Miller, 6th with a score of 55.65. There were other new faces in the top 14 worthy of mention, including Carlos Spivey, 11th place tie of 54.85 and Kevin Prady, 13th with a 54.70, and Breck Grigas. Although some of the veteran gymnasts including Peter Kormann, Mike Wilson and Tom Beach, encountered only a few problems, they finished surprisingly, in low places. From a technical view point, I could not observe any significant technical improvement in compulsory exercises as a whole, even though there were many solid routines shown in the competition. One of the bright spots was the "Peach Baskets" being executed well in the Parallel Bar routines by several gymnasts and the improvement in the technical execution of the Handspring vault which was apparent in the height and distance after flight.

Many outstanding performances were given on the second day, Optionals. Jim Hartung scored the highest in the optionals, a 57.75 total, which was not quite good enough to overcome his mistake of the previous day on the parallel bar routine (scoring only a 8.90), allowing Peter Vidmar to edge him out for the all around title and become the 1980 USGF National Champion.

Outstanding performances by Ron Galimore on floor exercise and vaulting, scoring 9.75 and 9.80 respectively, boosted his all around score to 57.00 points, the 3rd highest optional total, bringing him up to fifth in the all around. A very consistent veteran, Larry Gerard scored satisfactorily with 56.75 points to finish in 3rd in the all around. A very strong comeback from last years plateau was evident by Phil Cahoy's impressive optional routines scoring 5th highest with a 56.65 giving him an overall finish of 4th place. A college freshman from the University of Nebraska, Scott Johnson displayed an outstanding performance scoring the 5th highest optional total with 55.75 points. It should be noted that a very unfortunate break on the pommel horse event on the previous days competition put him on the way down in the all around placement (21st place), however, his performances were very impressive throughout both days competition except for pommel horse. A very explosive Casey Edwards had a few problems in floor exercise and pommel horse routines but his aggressive performance in the other 4 events, helped to keep his head from the previous day to finish sixth all around.

The selection of the National Team at the conclusion of the two days of competition, showed that 7 of the 15 members are newcomers this year. All of the new members are still in school, which gives a solid foundation for the National Program.

By comparison statistically, the results of this year versus last year are much more encouraging, even though it may not have shown during the performances. The most striking fact is that a gymnast had to score a total of 109.40 points to earn their position on the National Team for 1980, while it only took a 107.50 score to make the 1979 team. The average all around score of the National team members for 1980 is 111.21 points (comp. 55.45 and opt. 55.37) compared to 110.11 points (comp. 54.74 and opt. 55.37) for 1979.

With the Olympic Boycott and changes in the NCAA rules, it is very good to see the .71 point increase in compulsory average which is almost twice as much as the optional average score increase of .31 from last year.

This general trend becomes more apparent when we compare the average scores of all the participants (39 gymnasts in 1979 and 40 gymnasts in 1980) from the championships. The all around average score for all participants in 1979 was 106.73 (comp. 52.65 and opt. 54.08) points and 108.62 (comp. 53.88 and opt. 54.74) for 1980. The rate of improvement as a whole again, the compulsory increment 1.23 points was almost twice as much as the optional increment of 0.66 points, but the scale of increments are greater than the one with the National Team members.

In any championship, the event finals take on an atmosphere of their own. After the grind of compulsories and optionals, the individual event finals become a

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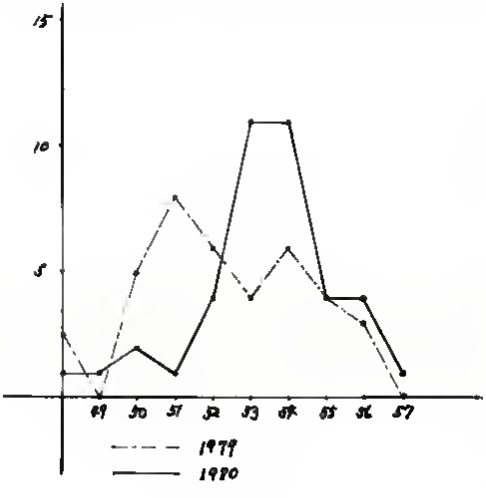
somewhat more relaxed atmosphere for participants The psychological stress that the gymnasts must endure during all events in the compulsories and optionals is great, with a high level of physical and mental training necessary to compete in twelve events in two days. Individual event finals create the difference in atmosphere of knowing that each event is separate with no carry over, and many gymnasts who do not qualify in all events can concentrate in a much more different way In addition, the FIG rules of the all around competition always carry more weight than the event finals, leaving a different type of excitement for event finals

The following graphic charts indicate the distribution of gymnasts within a 10 point score range from 48 to 57 points. The compulsory chart indicates that 82% of the gymnasts in the 1979 championships are distributed fairly even in the score range from 50 to 55 points whereas more than half (55%) of the gymnasts from the 1980 championships are in the 2 points range between 53 and 54. This is a definite indication of improvement in compulsory performance as a whole. We should note that the important fact is that nationwide improvement of the compulsory exercises had a significant contribution to our team standing in the last two World Championships. Focusing on the optional chart, the pattern of distribution is fairly similar in both years, however, at the peaked point (most gymnasts are within a one point score range) indicating a full point improvement from 54 to 55 points in one year. Although sometimes, the improvement of scores may not reflect an accurate rate of improvement in the gymnasts performance level, we could safely state that the number of gymnasts who could perform at a level of 9.0 or better has significantly increased This is also very apparent in observing the competition in general There were many more difficult skills attempted by a greater number of gymnasts compared to last years championships Also many of the routines were performed well with very good technical executions



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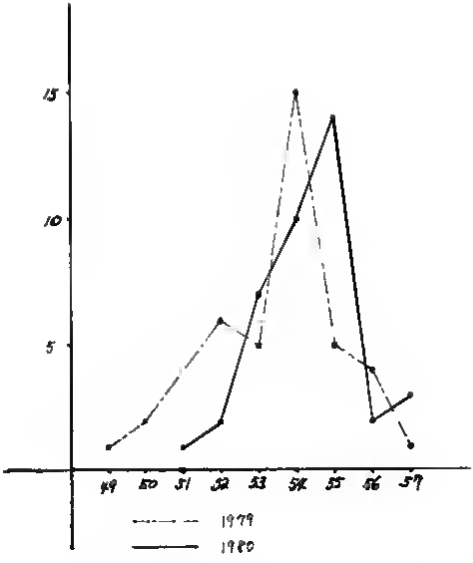

Optionals

As always, the floor exercise is one of the most exciting events to watch because of the variety of elements involved, such as speed and dynamics for tumbling, balance, strength and rhythmical movement for transitions Ron Galimore who had the highest score from the preliminaries with a 9.775 point average, out tumbled everyone to capture the title with very clean executions scoring a 9.75 Peter Vidmar displayed excellent control throughout his routine opening with a piked double back and closing with a tucked double back showing very clean execution. His score of a 9.7 out scored some of the strong tumblers, putting him right behind Ron Galimore for 2nd place A very explosive Jim Hartung put his tremendous effort in his routine scoring 9.65 placing him 3rd. There is no doubt that we have made a sizeable improvement in tumbling skills just within the last two years There were at least 6 more double backs with full twists and there were 6 or 7 gymnasts out of 10 qualifiers that used two double backs in their routines However, observing those routines as a whole I felt that many of the routines have lacked the good balance of transitional movements and tumbling skills in the composition of their routines

A variety of strength, balance and flexibility along with high skilled tumbling elements would make the routine more interesting and I believe that this point has been proven by Kurt Thomas being the World Champion two years in a row.

The pommel horse was the most disappointing event. More than half the gymnasts had major breaks in their routines and therefore the gymnasts who are able to hit their routines automatically placed high Jim Hartung who had the highest qualifying score had a very solid routine scoring 9.55 to win this event comfortably. Veterans Larry Gerard and Mike Wilson both upgraded their difficulties from last year, and still managed to get

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through the routines with fair control and both scored 9.3 points to place 2nd and 3rd. Although I could see the considerable improvement on the pommel horse as whole in the last few years, we must realize this event is still by far the weakest event of all. There are 28 gymnasts (70%) who scored below 9.0 points. These statistics prove that we need to put more of a concerted effort on improving this event as a nation.

There were many good routines in the ring finals. Again, Jim Hartung who had a marginable lead in the preliminary competitions did an excellent job finishing his routine with ½ in-½ out in piked positions scoring a 9.7 to win the event. Casey Edwards displayed a good mixture of strength and swings throughout his routine scoring the 2nd highest with a 9.6 finishing in 2nd place. The following three gymnasts Peter Vidmar, Larry Gerard, and Breck Grigas received a very high average score of 9.55 with good routines but Peter Vidmar had the highest preliminary score of 9.475 to take 3rd place. As far as looking at the scores on rings, it is very impressive and it appears that rings is one of the strong events. However, when looking from the international view point I have always felt that our gymnasts are not quite physically strong enough overall. Our swing technique in general is fairly good when we combine the swing and the strength aspects, the physical weakness becomes very apparent especially at the international levels of competition. A total of 20 gymnasts (50%) out of 40 participants scored below 9.0 in the compulsory exercises. Obviously the compulsory exercises requires more general strength to be well executed so the low average scores should be a good indication of our weakness, specifically the aspect of strength.

Since the innovative invention of the vaulting board, we have seen a tremendous improvement in the vaulting skills. The improvement of the board also affected the average gymnast more, helping him to attain a higher level of skill, typically "a handspring front vault." The most difficult vault ever attempted in this country is the full twisting layout Taskahara by Ron Galimore and the handspring front 1½ twist by Jim Hartung, who has not been able to successfully execute it in a meet yet. A striking fact is that more than 90% of the gymnasts excluding the gymnasts who used the Tuskahara type vault, were capable of doing a handspring front or better vault. At the vaulting event finals again, Ron Galimore out scored everyone with a beautiful full twisting layout Tuskahara and also one without a twist averaging a score of 9.825 to capture the title very easily. The very powerful Casey Edwards attempted a handspring front and Quervo (handspring ½ backout) with very good technique scoring a 9.55 to take 2nd place. This year's newcomer, Percy Price from Houston Baptist University attempted also a beautiful handspring piked front and handspring full twist with very nice amplitude scoring an average of 9.55 points to take 3rd place.

Phil Cahoy who is very tall but very dynamic in swing events, displayed his strength in the parallel finals. His refined technical execution on swing made his body line look even longer and he went all out to capture the highest score of 9.7 to win this event. Another dynamic swing was

Phil Cahoy

displayed by Ron Galimore who already captured the crown in 2 events, the floor exercise and vault, aggressively finishing with a piked double back scored 9.5 points to take 2nd place. A very good effort was put out by Casey Edwards scoring 9.5 points 2nd highest in this event but not good enough to beat Larry Gerard who displayed excellent compulsory routines in the preliminary competition out scored Casey Edwards with a combined total to capture 3rd place.

The last event, horizontal bar was also an excellent competition among the top finishers. The highlight of the event is very obviously the big release moves, which are very well executed among the top finishers. The most spectacular routine was thrown by Phil Cahoy who had executed a "piked front salto regrasp" from an inverted fiant with an excellent amplitude scoring 9.80 points which was the highest point scored for this event. However, due to his low preliminary score, he had to settle for 3rd place. Second highest score, 9.75, was shared by Peter Vidmar and Jim Hartung who also executed a big release move successfully "front salto regrasp" and "straddled hecht vault" respectively. The first place was awarded to Jim Hartung who had preliminary score with excellent compulsory routine in the previous competition.

All in all, the competition was very exciting and all the spectators witnessed many excellent routines, even though we were missing our top two gymnasts in the country.

Men's Results—
Championships of the USA

Men's All-Around

	Name	Comp.	Opt.	Total
1	VIDMAR, Peter	57.550	57.350	114.900
2	HARTUNG, Jim	56.850	57.750	114.600
3	GERARD, Larry	56.350	56.750	113.100
4	CAHOY, Phil	55.350	56.650	112.000
5	GALIMORE, Ron	54.900	57.000	111.900
6	EDWARDS, Casey	56.200	55.200	111.400
7	LaFLEUR, Tim	56.200	55.150	111.350
8	MILLER, Wallace	55.650	54.800	110.450
9	PRADY, Kevin	54.700	55.650	110.350
10	WILSON, Mike	54.400	55.700	110.100
11	SPIVEY, Carlo	54.850	55.200	110.050
12	GAYLORD, Mitch	54.850	54.900	109.750
13	GRIGAS, Breck	54.650	54.850	109.500
14	MEEKER, Brian	55.100	54.300	109.400
14	HARDIN, Tom	54.200	55.200	109.400
16	BEACH, Tom	53.950	55.050	109.000
17	HAMPTON, Tony	53.950	55.000	108.950
18	OSBORN, Don	53.800	55.100	108.900
19	BARCLAY, Scott	53.750	55.050	108.800
20	LYONS, Mike	53.650	55.050	108.700
21	JOHNSON, Scott	52.850	55.750	108.600
22	McCUTCHEON, Mario	55.300	53.050	108.350
23	CHRISTENSEN, Gene	53.000	54.300	108.300
24	ANTONIOLLI, Carl	53.200	55.050	108.250
24	GIBBS, Marvin	53.600	54.650	108.250
26	DESIDERIO, Bob	54.300	54.000	108.200
27	GOLDETSKY, Reed	53.250	54.800	108.050
28	SILVERSTEIN, Mike	54.050	53.850	107.800
29	MALONEY, Stacy	52.750	55.000	107.750
30	SMIDL, Doug	53.750	53.750	107.500
31	BEISPIEL, Matt	53.450	53.150	106.600
32	LaFLEUR, Jeff	53.450	52.950	106.400
33	HAIRSTON, Randy	51.250	54.450	105.700
34	PRICE, Percy	52.400	53.200	105.600
35	BABCOCK, Brian	52.200	53.150	105.350
36	BESONG, Pat	49.950	54.600	104.550
37	WILCE, Scott	50.350	53.300	103.650
38	PRICE, Denny	50.850	51.650	102.500
39	AVERY, Keith	48.700	52.450	101.150
40	KORMANN, Peter	54.650	17.350	72.000

FLOOR EXERCISE

	Name	Reserve	Final	Total
1	GALIMORE, Ron	9.775	9.750	19.525
2	VIDMAR, Peter	9.700	9.700	19.400
3	HARTUNG, Jim	9.550	9.650	19.200
4	EDWARDS, Casey	9.400	9.500	18.900
5	SILVERSTEIN, Mike	9.425	9.400	18.825
5	WILSON, Mike	9.425	9.400	18.825
7	GERARD, Larry	9.350	9.300	18.650
8	MILLER, Wallace	9.350	9.250	18.600
9	BEISPIEL, Matt	9.350	9.100	18.450
10	JOHNSON, Scott	9.400	8.700	18.100

POMMEL HORSE

	Name	Reserve	Final	Total
1	HARTUNG, Jim	9.700	9.550	19.250
2	GERARD, Larry	9.400	9.350	18.750
3	WILSON, Mike	9.025	9.350	18.375
4	PRADY, Kevin	9.075	9.200	18.275
5	CAHOY, Phil	9.425	8.800	18.225
6	HARDIN, Tom	9.175	9.000	18.175
7	BABCOCK, Brian	9.075	8.550	17.625
8	VIDMAR, Peter	9.600	8.000	17.600
9	MILLER, Wallace	9.025	8.400	17.425

RINGS

	Name	Reserve	Final	Total
1	HARTUNG, Jim	9.625	9.700	19.325
2	EDWARDS, Casey	9.475	9.600	19.075
3	VIDMAR, Peter	9.475	9.550	19.025
4	GERARD, Larry	9.425	9.550	18.975
5	GRIGAS, Breck	9.275	9.550	18.825
6	LYONS, Mike	9.275	9.500	18.775
7	JOHNSON, Scott	9.425	9.300	18.725
7	SILVERSTEIN, Mike	9.325	9.400	18.725
9	LaFLEUR, Tim	9.325	9.350	18.675

VAULT

	Name	Reserve	Final	Total
1	GALIMORE, Ron	9.750	9.825	19.575
2	EDWARDS, Casey	9.650	9.550	19.200
3	PRICE, Percy	9.500	9.550	19.050
4	VIDMAR, Peter	9.650	9.475	19.025
5	MEEKER, Brian	9.550	9.450	19.000
6	HARTUNG, Jim	9.500	9.450	18.950
7	HARDIN, Tom	9.425	9.375	18.800
8	WILSON, Mike	9.425	9.325	18.750
9	ANTONIOLLI, Carl	9.475	9.275	18.750

PARALLEL BARS

	Name	Reserve	Final	Total
1	CAHOY, Phil	9.550	9.700	19.250
2	GALIMORE, Ron	9.500	9.500	19.000
3	GERARD, Larry	9.550	9.400	18.950
4	EDWARDS, Casey	9.375	9.500	18.875
5	VIDMAR, Peter	9.475	9.350	18.825
6	JOHNSON, Scott	9.400	9.400	18.800
7	MALONEY, Stacy	9.450	8.550	18.000
8	SPIVEY, Carlos	9.375	8.050	17.425

HORIZONTAL BAR

	Name	Reserve	Final	Total
1	HARTUNG, Jim	9.725	9.750	19.475
2	VIDMAR, Peter	9.650	9.750	19.400
3	CAHOY, Phil	9.450	9.800	19.250
4	McCUTCHEON, Mario	9.500	9.700	19.200
5	GERARD, Larry	9.475	9.650	19.125
6	EDWARDS, Casey	9.400	9.500	18.900
7	MEEKER, Brian	9.425	9.400	18.825
8	LaFLEUR, Tim	9.450	8.900	18.350

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1980 CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE USA WOMEN

Bill Valentine

The competition for the 1980 Championships of the USA Women was outstanding, with an influx of bright new faces. There was an obvious fact, that being, the absence of many of the top gymnasts from 1979. There were two factors that caused this absence, (1) the conflict of the European invitational schedule took Kathy Johnson, Rhonda Schwandt, Leslie Russo and Suzy Kellems from the 1980 Championships and (2) late injuries caused the absences of many others. Heidi Anderson, Sandy Wirth, Gigi Ambandos, Linda Kardos, Lisa Shirk and the summer injury to Jeanine Creek. Of the top 24 girls in the 1979 Championships, only 9 returned to compete in 1980.

We do indeed have many new faces on the national scene. It was a pleasure and encouraging to watch the emergence of these new girls especially Julianne McNamara, Beth Kline, Amy Koopman, Lynn Lederer and Trina Tintt.

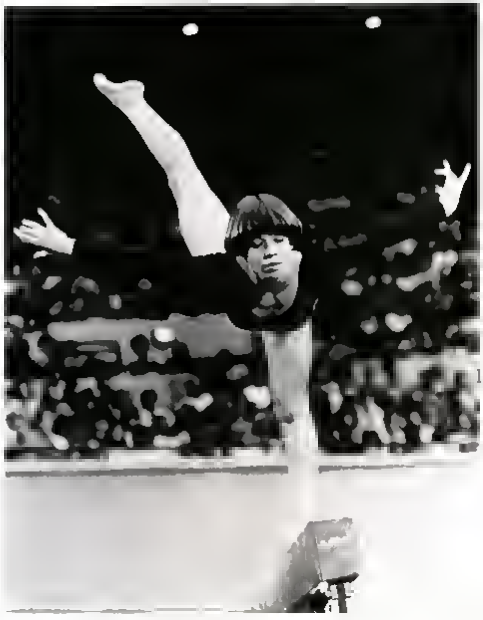
This article was started with references to the 1979 Championships, it may be interesting to do further comparisons, i.e., the average score for the top 24 places in 1979 was 72.966 and the average for the 24 top in 1980 was 73.348. The top scores in 1979 ranged from 75.80 to 71.35 while in 1980 the range was 76.15 to 70.975. In 1979 there were 43 girls who completed the competition and in 1980 there were 24 who completed the competition. Add to this 24 in 1980 those girls still competing and qualified for the Championships USA but could not compete either because of injury or conflict of international schedules the number of entries could have been between 34 and 40 girls.

To my way of thinking this points to some very positive aspects in our sport, the increased number of new top level coaches and programs that are producing new talent and the fact that the more experienced coaches and programs continue to produce the talent. This is an indication that communications and informal and formal training takes place on a very high level. This happens through the Elite Coaches Association, the U.S. Association of Independent Gymnastic Clubs, the Judges Association, the Women's Committee structure and all the other seminars and clinics. Despite all the apparent problems growth is taking place and we are developing more high level gymnasts. This is not to imply that we have arrived to the level of efficiency and performance that our coaching and talent indicate. Nor should we consider our methods of communications and programs sufficient for our needs.

Since 1964, the development and growth of gymnastics on the international level is almost beyond belief and yet we, with our very loose structure and seemingly unscientific methods and our social system and competitive free enterprise system have been more that hold our own. We have made progress not just in keeping up with the general growth and development but within that growth and development we have progressed.

In looking at the worldwide Women's gymnastics community and where we started and where we are now in that community then we would have to be evaluated at a little better than a break even point. To make that achievement, and it is an achievement, a lot of people, coaches, and committee members, and judges had to work very hard and with very little recognition and no reward. When we take a look at the hour spent, outside the gyms and competitive halls, in committees, in clinics, in meetings of all type then it would have to be said we are a caring and dedicated group of people.

But the real question is, are we getting the results that our time, dedication and efforts demand? Has our means justified the ends we have achieved? Can our efforts, time and dedication produce better results.?



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Vault

Name	Comp.	Opt	Final	Score	From
Julianne McNamara	9.6	9.85	9.575	19.3	California
Beth Kline	9.65	9.75	9.6	19.3	California
Sharon Shapiro	9.45	9.45	9.8	19.25	California
Jackie Cassello	9.35	9.75	9.825	19.075	Maryland
Luci Collins	9.35	9.5	9.65	19.075	California
Kelly McCoy	9.35	9.6	9.45	18.925	Ohio
Trina Tinti	9.15	9.8	9.35	18.825	California
Amy Koopman	9.3	9.5	9.4	18.8	Illinois
Lynn Lederer	9.4	9.4	9.35	18.75	Illinois

Beam

Name	Comp.	Opt.	Final	Score	From
Kelly Garrison	9.15	9.5	9.8	19.125	Oklahoma
Sharon Shapiro	9.4	9.45	9.65	19.075	California
Lisa Zeis	9.4	9.4	9.5	18.9	New York
Beth Kline	8.95	9.6	9.55	18.825	California
Marcie Frederick	9.2	9.1	9.5	18.65	Connecticut
Julianne McNamara	9.2	9.45	9.2	18.525	California
Tracee Talavera	9.35	9.2	9.25	18.525	California
Amy Koopman	9.3	9.1	9.25	18.45	Illinois
Luci Collins	9.2	9.2	9.25	18.45	California
Lynn Lederer	9.1	9.3	9	18.2	Illinois

Uneven Bars

Name	Comp.	Opt.	Final	Score	From
Marcia Frederick	9.8	9.9	10.1	19.95	Connecticut
Tracee Talavera	9.45	9.65	9.95	19.6	California
Julianne McNamara	9.05	9.9	10	19.475	California
Amy Koopman	9.3	9.6	9.8	19.05	Illinois
Trini Tinti	9.4	9.45	9.5	18.925	California
Jackie Cassello	9.2	9.5	9.45	18.8	Maryland
Luci Collins	9.25	9.45	9.45	18.8	California
Beth Kline	9.15	9.5	9.45	18.775	California
Kelly McCoy	9.05	9.3	9.3	18.475	Ohio
Lynn Lederer	9.2	9.2	8.8	18	Illinois

Floor

Name	Comp.	Opt	Final	Score	From
Beth Kline	9.8	9.4	10	19.45	California
Tracee Talavera	9.4	9.7	9.85	19.4	California
Luci Collins	9.5	9.3	9.7	19.1	California
Sharon Shapiro	9.35	9.35	9.45	18.8	California
Amy Koopman	9.55	9	9.45	18.725	Illinois
Lynn Lederer	9.2	9.65	9.2	18.625	Illinois
Amy Wilson	9.25	9.35	9.3	18.6	Washington
Suzie Van Slyke	9.3	9.3	9.3	18.6	New Jersey
Julianne McNamara	9.45	9.65	9.55	18.1	California

All-Around

Name	Comp	Opt.	All-Arnd	From
Julianne McNamara	37.3	38.85	76.15	California
Tracee Talavera	37.75	37.85	75.6	California
Beth Kline	37.25	38.25	75.5	California
Luci Collins	37.3	37.45	74.75	California
Marcia Frederick	37.9	36.85	74.75	Connecticut
Sharon Shapiro	37.1	37.6	74.7	California
Amy Koopman	37.45	37.2	74.65	Illinois
Lisa Zeis	37	37.65	74.65	New York
Lynn Lederer	38.9	37.55	74.45	Illinois
Trina Tinti	36.5	37.1	73.6	California
Jackie Cassello	38.65	36.9	73.55	Maryland
Tracy Curtis	36.95	36.55	73.5	California
Kelly Garrison	36.15	37.05	73.2	Oklahoma
Amy Wilson	38.05	36.8	72.85	Washington
Suzie Van Slyke	36.45	36.25	72.7	New Jersey
Kelly Gallagher	36.35	36.35	72.7	California
Kelly McCoy	36.1	36.35	72.45	Ohio
Barrie Muzbeck	35.7	36.45	72.15	Michigan
Roni Barrios	35.95	35.8	71.75	Washington
Gina Stallone	35.25	36.4	71.65	Pennsylvania
Amy Priest	35.65	36.	71.65	Kansas
Gina Eramouspe	36.3	35.15	71.45	California
Marie Phillips	35.75	35.25	71	Michigan
Donna Farra	35.425	35.55	70.975	Connecticut
Beth Cook	32.3	27.25	59.55	Connecticut
Diane Dovas	35.3	16.2	51.5	Colorado
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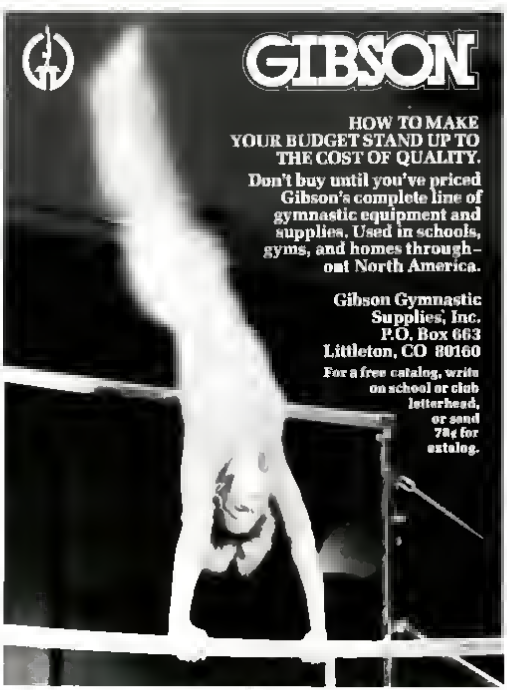

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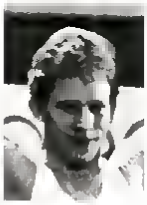
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The 1980 Olympic Team was selected in Jacksonville, Florida on May 27, and Bart Conner, the only repeater from the 1976 Team and Tracee Talavera, the youngest member led the way.

Bart Conner, the twenty-two year old from the University of Oklahoma, withstood an early injury in the first event of the finals to hang on to the highest all-around score. In his first event of the evening, Bart partially tore the bicep muscle in his right arm. After the second event, Bart began getting treatment for the injury on the sidelines and he was able to maintain a level of performance which allowed him to finish the evening and maintain his overall lead from the compulsories.

Tracee Talavera, from Eugene Oregon, moved up from second at the end of the compulsories to edge out Kathy Johnson for the lead. Tracee and Kathy led the way in the finals by scoring 38.850. Kathy moved from third in the compulsories to second, finishing with a 76.550, to Marcia Frederick's 76.150. Marcia's score included a 9.9 on the uneven bars.

The men's team is a picture of consistency, with proven experienced gymnasts holding down the top six spots. Finishing second was Jim Hartung from the University of Nebraska. Hartung competed despite injured heels which occured in a high bar regrasp before the competition. Hartung finished with a 114.30 to Conner's 115.20, including 9.7's on high bar and rings.

Third place went to Peter Vidmar of UCLA, who finished with a 114.25. Fourth place and the biggest surprise of the team was Ron Galimore. Ron from Iowa State University, was a home town favorite in Jacksonville, and he responded by winning the floor exercise and vaulting with a 9.9 in vaulting. Fifth place went to Phil Cahoy, from the University of Nebraska. Ron and Phil finished with totals of 114.110 and 112.400 respectively. Larry Gerard, of the University of Nebraska finished sixth on the team with a total of 112.40. The alternate for the 1980 Olympic Team is Mike Wilson of the University of Oklahoma.

The final three places on the women's team were occupied by relative newcomers, with Luci Collins, a fifteen year old from California, finishing fourth, with a total of 76.100. Amy Koopman, from Illinois finished fifth, with a total of 75.800. Sixth place on the team was a tie between Beth Kline from California and Julianne McNamara of Oregon with 75.450's. Julianne by virtue of her highest compulsory scores becomes the sixth team member with Beth the alternate.

VIII MODERN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dr. Annelis Strange Hoyman

The U.S.G.F. National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships for 1980 was presented by Detroit Recreation Department and hosted by Friends of Detroit Metro Gymnasts. Mary Babcock of the Detroit Recreation Department was Meet Director, and did a fantastic job of getting the meet organized and run. Dr. Andrea Schmid, NAWGJ Official, was General Director, while Dr. Zinaida Mironov acted as Technical Director and Mrs. Gwendolyn Hilliard, Michigan State MRG Chairperson, as General Chairperson.

Due to the Republican Convention, which will be held in Detroit in June, the National Championships had been scheduled to take place as early as April 25-27, 1980, a fact which did not make it any easier for the organizers, nor for the gymnasts to get ready for the important event, which had originally been scheduled for Mid-June. Gymnasts entering the 1980 Championships had to be qualified through a State or Regional gymnastics meet with a minimum of 30.00 points All Around. The purpose of this decision was partly to up-grade the quality of the meet, and partly to limit the number of participants in the National Championships. As a result fewer gymnasts entered the competition with a total of seventeen juniors and twenty-seven seniors competing all-around.

However, if the total number of gymnasts was less than in previous year, the number of spectators was far greater at all sessions. The Detroit fans really back up their gymnasts, and during the finals an audience of more than 2000 persons supported the gymnasts with their cheers throughout the performances.

The entire meet was extremely well organized, and in between the various competitive events the audience was treated to different demonstrations by the Detroit Metro Gymnasts, the Acrosports group, and a precision drill team exercise presented by the Explorer Scouts of the 10th Police Precinct of Detroit.

The apparatus used for the individual competition were rope, hoop, clubs, and ribbon. The competition started with performances by the junior division, who the first day competed with the hoop and the ribbon. The hoop is generally considered the most difficult piece of equipment to deal with, and perhaps this fact had something to do with the over-all lower scores obtained during the first round of competition. Most of the gymnasts did better with the ribbon; and on the second day of competition all scores were much higher. Compared to last year's performances, the difficulty level, as well as the quality of execution with the various apparatus were much improved. The All Around winner was Selina Woolery of the Los Angeles Lights, she competed in the Nationals for the first time and did an excellent job. Three former National competitors, Amy Schatz, formerly of Bay State, Massachusetts, but now with the Detroit Metro Gymnasts, Holly Eitelman (Tulsa) and Michelle Berube (Acronauts) took second, third, and fourth place respectively with very slight difference in their All Around scores.

The senior competition started with the rope and club events, and four-time National Champion, Sue Soffe, immediately took the lead. Not without challenge though by her former teammate, Lydia Bree Crabtree, who presented four entirely new routines, besides being a member of the group routine presented by her club. Both gymnasts presented spectacular hoop routines, and personally I feel that Lydia deserved the better score (was only .10 below Sue), especially for her first performance which was nearly flawless in spite of many difficult tricks, including the now famous Shugurova spin, during which the gymnast sets the hoop spinning on its vertical axis, as she jumps across the rolling hoop.

Unfortunately, Lydia was unable to repeat her fine performance the next time around, while Sue earned a unanimous 9.60 points for her stellar performance. However, Lydia finally got her much deserved Gold medal in the ribbon event, where she did a fine job, both in the general, as well as the final competition.

As expected, Sue Soffe won the National Championships for the *fifth* time, an unparalleled achievement. Lydia won three Silver medals in addition to her All Around Silver one, and Valerie Zimring took 2nd, 3d, 4th, and 5th place respectively in ribbon, hoop, clubs, and rope, besides earning the Bronze medal in All Around. Due to her very excellent showing in the Nationals, Valerie was elected to go with Sue to represent the United States in International competition in Bulgaria and Corbeil, France, immediately following the Nationals. And Sue Soffe and Lydia Bree Crabtree were chosen to be our representatives in the Four Continents Championships, which will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, in late November of this year.

The two Detroit gymnasts who have done so much to promote the sport of Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics in the Detroit area, Laura Bell and Wendy Hilliard, took fifth and sixth place All Around, as well as making the finals in three events each. Wendy, who has a very fast and exciting hoop routine, met with bad luck in her initial performance with the hoop, which twice managed to run way out of the exercise area, and this not only hurt her chance for a better placement in the All Around, but also kept her out of the finals for the hoop.

In general the gymnasts showed pronounced improvements since last year's Nationals. They handle the apparatus with more confidence and control, and come up with more innovations and original combinations. Their confident performances, their poise, reflect many, many hours of hard work in the gymnasium, by gymnasts and coaches as well.

For the group routine event only two groups were represented: the Detroit Metro Gymnasts, coached by Dr. Mironov, and the Los Angeles Lights, coached by Alla Svirskiy. As in World Competition, the group routines were performed three times with composition as well as execution judged the first two times around, but only execution during the finals. Before the competition it had been decided that the winning composition would be the one chosen to be presented at the Four Continents

Championships. The Los Angeles Lights won for their very interesting composition, which was all in all more difficult than the other routine. The Detroit group had the advantage of having worked together for more than a year, as their routine had been presented at last year's Nationals as well, and the first time around their score for execution was better than those of the Lights. During the last presentation, however, where only execution is judged, they did not fare so well, loosing the balls and getting tangled in the ribbons, and the end result was, that the Los Angeles Lights won the group competition. The routine was performed with three balls and three ribbons.

In addition to the individual events and the group event, a special ball competition was conducted for the purpose of selecting potential members for the group, which will compete in Brazil. Five junior and fourteen senior gymnasts entered this event. On basis of the scores from the special ball event and the individual performances in the group routines, the following gymnasts were selected to take part in the training camp, which will take place in Colorado Springs during the last two weeks of August:

Laura Bell, Nancy Davis, Ann Farnsworth, Wendy Hilliard, Nancy Neufeld, Karala Newell, Stacy Oversier, Sandi Shannon, Debra Smiley, Selina Woolery, Kelly Zaloudek, and Valerie Zimring. Congratulations!

During the competition the various performances were filmed for airing on the local television station, as well as by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Serving as commentator was former Olympian Artistic Gymnast and coach, Muriel Grossfeld, who at the finals also interviewed each of the individual competitors after their performance. The films were televised nationwide on the CBS Sport Spectacular Program on May 11th, 1980, and they were very impressive, both as to the performance and the interviews. This was indeed a historic event for Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics in the United States.

In closing I should like to commend the organizors of the 1980 Nationals for a well conducted National Championship. The competition site, the beautiful spacious Cobo Hall, provided a most fitting setting for the championships. It was evident that numerous hours of hard work had gone into the preparations for this important event in Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics, and everyone of those involved deserved Gold medals.

THE RESULTS

Seniors
All Around

		Rope	Hoop	Clubs	Rib	Total
1	Sue Soffe (California)	9.25	9.50	9.15	8.80	36.70
2	Lydie B. Crabtree (L.A.L.)	9.05	9.40	9.00	9.00	36.45
3	Valerie Zimring (L.A.L.)	8.75	8.40	8.70	9.10	34.95
4	Sandi Shannon (L.A.L.)	8.75	8.40	9.15	8.60	34.90
5	Laura Bell (Detroit Metro)	8.45	8.50	8.20	8.70	33.85
6	Wendy Hilliard (Det. Met.)	8.90	7.25	8.40	8.95	33.50
7	Nancy Neufeld (L.A.L.)	8.20	8.40	8.35	8.50	33.45
8	Kelly Zaloudek (G.C. USA)	7.90	8.25	8.80	8.65	33.40

1980 National Compulsory Clinic—MRG

Following the 1980 MRG National Championships, a U.S.G.F. National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Clinic took place at the Wayne State University, College of Lifelong Learning, off-campus center for two full days. The clinic which was open to coaches, dance and physical education teachers as well as other interested persons was well attended and covered the introduction to the new 1980-1984 Compulsory Exercises as well as judging of compulsory and optional routines. On the second day of the clinic, participants who so desired, could take the Judges Rating Examination.

Director of the clinic was Dr. Andrea Schmid from San Francisco State University with Dr. Zinaida Mironov, Wayne County Community College, acting as State Facilitator. Clinicians were: Maria Bakos (w/o apparatus); Kathy Brym Monahan (hoop); Candace Feinberg (ball); Nora Veyette Hitzel (rope); Barbara Parcher, substituting for Dale Flansaas (clubs); Alla Svirskiy (ribbon); Andrea Schmid and Norma Zabka (judging).

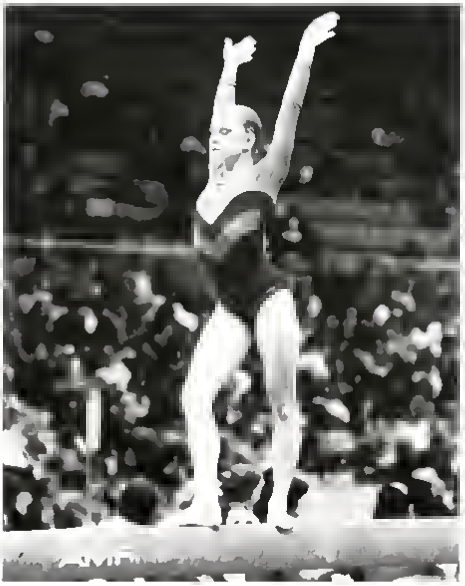
All levels of the new compulsories were covered, and those participants wishing to earn college credit whether graduate or undergraduate could sign up for one or two credits, depending upon the extent to which they participated.

The clinic site was very adequate with a nice big gymnasium, as well as other recreational facilities available to the participants (Sauna, swimming pool). The lovely Courtyard Restaurant, located on the premises, provided the clinicians and participants with lovely, wholesome, home-made meals; and the participants were bussed to and from the hotel daily.

Except for the fact that the new compulsories were *not* available in print to the participants during the clinic, the clinic was well organized and very beneficial to all those attending. Everyone of the clinicians did a very outstanding job of introducing their particular composition(s) to the participants, the various routines were gone through several times, without and with the music for the specific routines. Exactness of floor patterns, orientation and direction, were stressed, and many a participant was eagerly attempting to take notes, as she moved around on the floor to the instructor's leadership.

The judging sessions were well done by the two brevet MRG judges, Andrea Schmid and Norma Zabka, who recently has attended the Intercontinental Judging Course in Macolin, Switzerland.

The members of the Clinic Committee, including Gwendolyn Millard, who did so many extra niceties for us, deserve accolades for a job well done.



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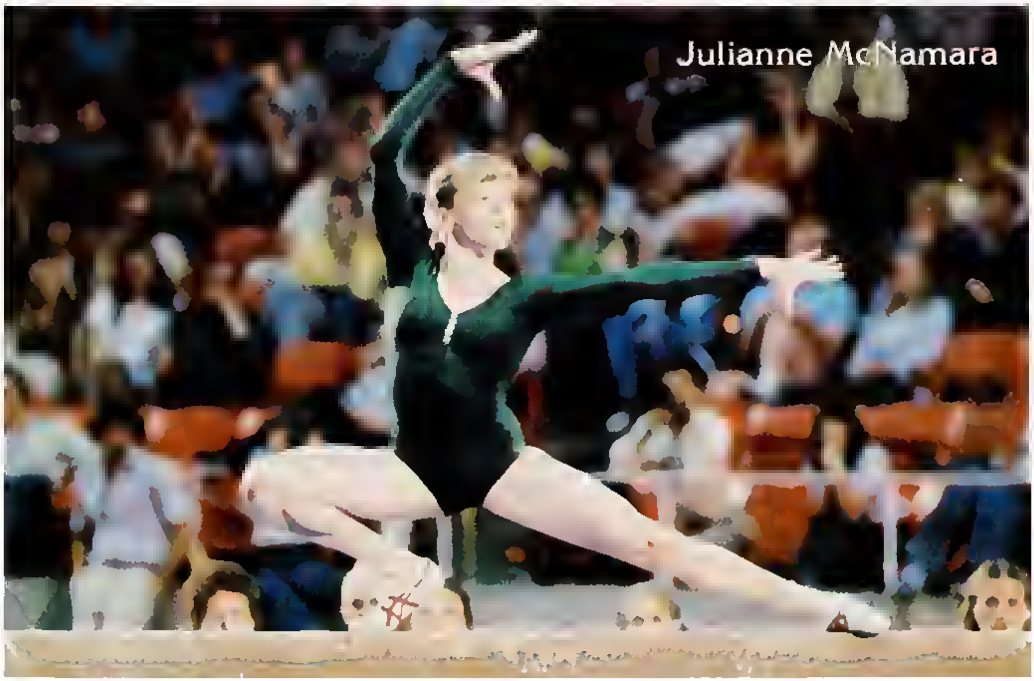

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The news media provided excellent coverage that had the local residents anxiously awaiting the finals Not a day passed that there was not full coverage on television (maybe because Channel 8 was gracious enough to co-sponsor the event) and in the newspapers the same as any "major" sport No doubt the large corporate sponsorship with a dedicated and professional public relations and advertising department was helpful here also.

The judges represented a cross-section of the United States and proved to be truly professional in their conduct and performance through what was a tiring three days The meet format, as stated in the current Rules and Policies, was such that the gymnasts and their coaches had a warmup and one 3-hour competition but the judges were on the floor for both the Juniors and the Seniors It was not too much due to the excellent handling of the meet but under different circumstances could have been a disaster

On Wednesday, after registration, there was a five-hour open warmup, followed by an expertly handled open draw then a welcome banquet to set the tone of the three-day meet. Thursday morning early the Juniors were in the gym for their timed warmups followed by competition at 12 00 noon At the end of the Juniors' compulsory competition, Kelly Chaplin from New Mexico was firmly in first place with an unbelievable 38 20 She was followed by Laurence George at 37 25, Yumi Mordre at 37 10, Lori Dexter at 37 00 and Jennifer Endo and Michelle Goodwin at 36 95 In the evening competition for Seniors, Lisa Mitzel from California led after compulsories with 37 90, followed by Suellen League, Lyr Rolston and Kay Brown all tied at 37 45 and Penny Hauschild and Lynn McDonnell tied at 37 40

On Friday morning the Seniors were assigned the early competition and after the dust had cleared from the optional routines and the computer digested the information for a short two minutes the all-around winners for this part of the meet were Lisa Mitzel 74 10, Wendy Whiting 73 60, Penny Hauschild 73 50 and Suellen League and Heather Gallagher both with 73 20. In the evening, the Juniors were on their toes with Kelly Chaplin leading the pack with a total all-around score of 75 75 followed by Becky Rashoff at 74 40, Michelle Goodwin 74 15, Joe Faber 73 75 and Tammy Biltck 73 15.

The gymnasts were busy Saturday practicing for a spectacular finals presentation, shopping at the Forum in downtown Tulsa and naturally, warming up for the individual event finals The site committee and Nissen used the day to move a whole gym to the fantastic Mabee Center Just Plants worked especially hard to make the awards stand a focal point for the arena and then decorated the entire Center to please both the competitors and the spectators. All 120 competitors were part of the ceremonies to honor the All Around winners and they were made to feel as special as they were

The finals were run four events at a time-two events of juniors and two events of seniors This made it a little difficult for the finalist who competed in both events to compete but no major problems occurred The only real disappointment was that the National Junior All Around Champion, Kelly Chaplin, sustained a badly sprained ankle while warming up on vault and was unable to compete in the finals

The individual finals awards were presented with as much fanfare as the all around awards to end a beautiful evening for all of the girls-an event that every one will remember as a highlight in her competitive gymnastic career.

The tremendous support that was shown by the Oklahoma gymnastic community was truly unbelievable It took an army of volunteers to make a meet of this magnitude come to reality. They are all to be congratulated and thanked for a job well done. There is one other group that needs to be mentioned-Programming Consultants International

If there were ever a group to make a large meet seem easy, this is the one They moved in with their computer and communications system and provided faultless scorekeeping for the entire meet In addition, the winners were announced in record time and without error Congratulations to this fine group also.

Event Finals — Seniors

Vault

Pohl, Michelle	9 800	9 600	19 200
McMinn, Kathy	9 700	9 475	19 175
Palmaeri, Tina	9 525	9 475	19 000
Brown, Mary Kay	9 450	9 300	18 750
Mitzel, Liza	9 475	9 175	18 650
Olsen, Maury	9 450	9 075	18 525
Hauschild, Penny	9 400	9 025	18 425
Polak, Karen	9 400	8 900	18 300
Gonyies, Mary Jo	9 575	8 575	18 150
Filardi, Susan	9 400	4 600	14 000
Walker, Amy	9 475	4 525	14 000
Montera, Kris	9 550		9 550

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Event Finals - Seniors (Con't)

Uneven Bars

Taylor, Kim	9.450	9.700	19.150
Hermann, Tina	9.275	9.600	18.875
Hauschild, Penny	9.275	9.550	18.825
Whiting, Wendy	9.350	9.450	18.800
McMinn, Kathy	9.325	9.400	18.725
Elliott, Tami	9.200	9.250	18.450
Fischler, Kim	9.300	9.100	18.400
Mitzel, Liza	9.375	8.650	18.025
Black, Deneen	9.325	8.500	17.825
Sved, Abby	9.250	8.550	17.800

Balance Beam

Mitzel, Liza	9.125	9.350	18.475
Carter, Laurie	9.175	9.150	18.325
Whiting, Wendy	9.075	8.900	17.975
Hauschild, Penny	9.275	8.500	17.775
Paulus, Lynn	9.150	8.800	17.750
Brown, Mary Kay	9.050	8.700	17.750
Olson, Lynn	9.175	8.550	17.725
Miner, Kim	9.000	8.850	17.850
Booher, Penny	9.125	8.500	17.825
Gallagher, Heather	9.150	8.400	17.550

Floor Exercises

League, Suellen	9.350	9.450	18.800
Taylor, Kim	9.250	9.450	18.700
Weatherstone, Cheryl	9.325	9.350	18.675
Gallagher, Heather	9.275	9.400	18.675
McDonnell, Lynn	9.175	9.300	18.475
Polis, Karen	9.150	9.200	18.350
Dorsey, Wendy	9.100	9.250	18.350
Elliott, Tami	9.100	9.250	18.350
Polak, Karen	9.175	9.150	18.325
Bann, Lisa	9.100	9.100	18.200
Fischler, Kim	9.325	8.800	18.125

Event Finals — Juniors

Vault

Retton, Mary-Lou	9.575	9.675	19.250
Goggans, Kim	9.650	9.600	19.250
Rashoff, Becky	9.725	9.475	19.200
Habel, Shelly	9.600	9.575	19.175
Faber, Jo	9.450	9.475	18.925
Mordre, Yumi	9.425	9.425	18.850
Houghton, Kim	9.425	9.275	18.700
Mateja, Kim	9.475	9.200	18.675
Roethlesberger, Marla	9.550	9.075	18.625

Uneven Bars

Wener, Lucy	9.725	9.750	19.475
McKnight, Shawnda	9.425	9.650	19.075
Roethlesberger, Marla	9.325	9.550	18.875
Chillano, Maisie	9.300	9.550	18.850

Event Finals - Juniors (Con't)

Billick, Pammy	9.250	9.550	18.800
Arnold, Tarri	9.350	9.450	18.800
McDonald, Nacy	9.300	9.450	18.750
Mastel, Mary Jo	9.300	9.000	18.300
Andrews, Tarri	9.325	8.350	17.875

Balance Beam

Putney, Jamie	9.425	9.500	18.925
Mordre, Yumi	9.075	9.500	18.575
Goodwin, Michelle	9.300	9.250	18.550
Rashoff, Becky	9.250	9.250	18.500
Trost, Kim	9.350	9.100	18.450
Faber, Jo	9.425	8.950	18.375
Billick, Pammy	9.100	8.750	17.850
Dexter, Lori	9.150	8.550	17.700
Kato, Maya	9.000	8.150	17.150

Floor Exercises

Mateja, Kim	9.400	9.700	19.100
Wlodarczyk, Rosie	9.250	9.400	18.650
Lemon, Kim	9.200	9.450	18.650
Mordre, Yumi	9.275	9.300	18.575
Billick, Pammy	9.225	9.300	18.525
Retton, Mary Lou	9.250	9.250	18.500
Goodwin, Michelle	9.200	9.300	18.500
George, Laurence	9.200	8.800	18.000
Dexter, Lori	9.250	8.700	17.950
Sobotka, Sandy	9.275	8.650	17.925

Senior All-Around

Name	Totals		Name	Totals	
Mitzel, L	Comp	37.900	Fischler, K	Comp	36.400
1	Opt	36.200	10	Opt.	36.200
	Total	74.100		Total	72.600
Whiting, W	Comp	37.050	Taylor, K	Comp	37.000
	Opt	36.550		Opt	35.550
	Total	73.600		Total	72.550
Hauschild, P	Comp	37.400	Pohl, M	Comp	36.400
	Opt	36.100		Opt.	36.150
	Total	73.500		Total	72.550
League, S	Comp	37.450	Polak, K.	Comp	36.850
	Opt	35.750		Opt	35.600
	Total	73.200		Total	72.450
Gallagher, H	Comp	37.350	Egan, M	Comp	37.050
5	Opt	35.850		Opt.	35.350
	Total	73.200		Total	72.400
Montera, K.	Comp	36.700	Rolston, L.	Comp	37.450
	Opt	36.250	15	Opt	34.900
	Total	72.950		Total	72.350
Elliott, T	Comp	37.100	Black, D	Comp	36.700
	Opt	35.850		Opt.	35.550
	Total	72.950		Total	72.250
Brown, MK.	Comp.	37.450	Hartman, L.	Comp	36.450
	Opt	35.450		Opt	35.750
	Total	72.900		Total	72.200
McMinn, K	Comp.	36.850	Miner, K	Comp	37.300
	Opt	35.950		Opt	34.900
	Total	72.800		Total	72.200

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Senior All-Around (Con't)

Name	Totals		Name	Totals	
Carter, L.	Comp	37.300	Stansbury, P.	Comp	36.800
	Opt	34.650	40	Opt	34.100
	Total	72.150		Total	70.900
Rickaby, D.	Comp	36.800	Harmann, T.	Comp	35.750
20	Opt	35.300		Opt.	35.150
	Total	72.100		Total	70.900
McDonnell, L.	Comp	37.400	Filardi, S.	Comp.	35.600
	Opt	34.700		Opt	35.150
	Total	72.100		Total	70.750
Wealherstone, C.	Comp	36.950	Elston, L.	Comp	36.400
	Opt.	35.000		Opt.	34.250
	Total	71.950		Total	70.650
Strauss, K.	Comp	36.700	Marlo, K.	Comp	35.700
	Opt	35.250		Opt	34.950
	Total	71.950		Total	70.650
Yahiro, A.	Comp	36.900	Rimbech, B.	Comp	36.600
	Opt.	35.000	45	Opt	34.000
	Total	71.900		Total	70.600
Boohar, P.	Comp	37.150	Sved, A.	Comp	37.000
25	Opt.	34.500		Opt.	33.500
	Total	71.650		Total	70.500
Olsen, M.	Comp	37.050	Benn, L.	Comp	36.350
	Opt	34.600		Opt	34.150
	Total	71.650		Total	70.500
Ruppert, A.	Comp.	38.900	Palmari, T.	Comp	36.550
	Opt	34.650		Opt	33.850
	Total	71.550		Total	70.400
Paulus, L.	Comp.	36.750	Close, R.	Comp	36.550
	Opt.	34.750		Opt.	33.650
	Total	71.500		Total	70.200
Walker, A.	Comp	36.400	Gonyias, MJ	Comp	35.650
	Opt	35.100	50	Opt	34.500
	Total	71.500		Total	70.150
Roach, M.	Comp	37.050	Bachman, K.	Comp	36.500
30	Opt.	34.350		Opt	33.600
	Total	71.400		Total	70.100
Dorsey, W.	Comp	36.600	Olson, L.	Comp	36.800
	Opt	34.750		Opt	33.250
	Total	71.350		Total	70.050
Polis, K.	Comp	35.900	Garbar, L.	Comp	36.000
	Opt.	35.350		Opt	33.950
	Total	71.250		Total	69.950
Raynor, B.	Comp	36.600	Turconi, T.	Comp	36.000
	Opt	34.600		Opt	33.900
	Total	71.200		Total	69.900
McMullin, K.	Comp.	36.900	White, J.	Comp	35.550
	Opt	34.250	55	Opt	34.300
	Total	71.150		Total	69.850
Massina, M.	Comp	37.250	Riggs, R.	Comp	35.900
35	Opt.	33.900		Opt	33.350
	Total	71.150		Total	69.250
Erickson, V.	Comp	36.150	Clark, C.	Comp	35.650
	Opt.	34.950		Opt	33.500
	Total	71.100		Total	69.150
Brown, L.	Comp	36.500	Fry, B.	Comp	35.750
	Opt.	34.550		Opt	33.050
	Total	71.050		Total	68.800
Ganghar, W.	Comp	36.200	Maisenbach, S.	Comp	36.350
	Opt	34.750		Opt.	17.350
	Total	70.950		Total	53.700
Tarkington, C.	Comp	36.300	Lee, J.	Comp	36.800
	Opt.	34.600		Opt.	
	Total	70.900		Total	36.800

Junior All-Around

Name	Totals				
Chaplin, K.	Comp	38.200	Arnold, T.	Comp	36.350
1	Opt.	37.550		Opt	35.650
	Total	75.700		Total	72.00
Rashoff, B.	Comp.	36.850	Rosenberry, C.	Comp	35.800
	Opt	37.550		Opt	36.150
	Total	74.400		Total	71.950
Goodwin, M.	Comp	36.950	Houghton, K.	Comp	36.700
	Opt.	37.200		Opt.	35.250
	Total	74.150		Total	71.950
Faber, J.	Comp	36.750	Smith, T.	Comp	36.250
	Opt.	37.000		Opt	35.550
	Total	73.750		Total	71.800
Bileck, T.	Comp	36.900	Mastel, M.	Comp	36.550
5	Opt	36.850	25	Opt	35.200
	Total	73.750		Total	71.750
Mataja, K.	Comp	36.750	Hiltner, K.	Comp	35.700
	Opt	36.900		Opt	36.050
	Total	73.650		Total	71.750
Retton, ML.	Comp	36.500	Payne, S.	Comp.	36.450
	Opt	36.850		Opt	35.300
	Total	73.350		Total	71.750
Mordre, Y.	Comp.	37.100	Ziemba, A.	Comp	35.650
	Opt.	36.250		Opt	36.000
	Total	73.350		Total	71.650
Dextar, L.	Comp	37.000	Lemon, K.	Comp	36.650
	Opt	36.300		Opt	34.950
	Total	73.300		Total	71.600
Roelhlesberger, M.	Comp	35.850	Kato, M.	Comp	36.100
10	Opt	37.100	30	Opt	35.500
	Total	72.950		Total	71.600
Skimski, C.	Comp	36.150	Hinkle, T.	Comp	36.000
	Opt	36.650		Opt	35.600
	Total	72.800		Total	71.600
Chillano, M.	Comp	36.700	Habel, S.	Comp.	36.400
	Opt.	36.050		Opt	35.150
	Total	72.750		Total	71.550
Putney, J.	Comp	36.850	McKnight, S.	Comp	36.350
	Opt	35.800		Opt.	35.150
	Total	72.650		Total	71.500
Wlodarczyk, R.	Comp	36.200	Sobolka, S.	Comp	35.900
	Opt	36.350		Opt	35.550
	Total	72.550		Total	71.450
Iliff, M.	Comp	36.500	Truman, C.	Comp	36.250
15	Opt	36.000	35	Opt.	35.150
	Total	72.500		Total	71.400
Goggans, K.	Comp	36.850	Zosa, G.	Comp	36.400
	Opt	35.600		Opt	34.950
	Total	72.450		Total	71.350
Seaman, S.	Comp	36.300	Robinson, R.	Comp	36.350
	Opt	36.150		Opt	34.950
	Total	72.450		Total	71.300
McDonald, N.	Comp	36.400	Endo, J.	Comp	36.950
	Opt	35.800		Opt.	34.350
	Total	72.200		Total	71.300
Partridge, K.	Comp	36.750	Specht, W.	Comp.	35.650
	Opt.	35.400		Opt.	35.650
	Total	72.150		Total	71.300
Weker, L.	Comp	36.600	Birdsall, C.	Comp	36.500
20	Opt.	35.450	40	Opt.	34.800
	Total	72.050		Total	71.300

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DDR Invitational

Bruce Burns

After a long seventeen hour flight, Rhonda, Jim, Larry and I landed in East Germany. Three hours to clear customs which included an hour of questions and Jim looking for his passport the rest of the time. It wasn't long until our intrepreter arrived and we were on our way. The bus ride was approximately two hours, non-stop, bumps, rocks, and whatever on the road to Cottbus. About a hundred miles south of East Berlin the site of the DDR Invitational. The meet proved to be first class from opening ceremonies to the final banquet.

First event was uneven bars. The crowd was receptive and encouraging to all the participants. East Germany took the first two places with Maxi Gnauck and Steffi Kraker 9.8 and 9.7 respectively. They did the same routines as in the World Games. Third place went to Olga Timakowa, USSR. Olga, a petite twelve year old, was in her second international meet. She set the bars at maximum width. She did a Comaneci, free hip to two giants, Russian style (very arched) followed by a free hip front dismount, Olga's score 9.45. Her teammate, thirteen year old Ira Brigina, free hip somi, handstand, stalder free hip, another free hip front half twisting dismount. Extremely clean, score 9.4. Fifth place was Silvia Topalowa, Bulgaria. Free hip somi, handstand stalder free hip, blind change to handstand to sole circle front dismount, score 9.35. The techniques of the East Germans on bars were far superior to all other gymnasts. Their free hips were devoid of arched backs, extension was to the maximum and their moves were all explosive in their presentation.

Vaulting was won by Steffi Kraker, DDR. Handspring front tuck position (one step landing) but good lift with a nice drop. Her second vault was a Tsukahara tuck full twist. Not good, around the corner with the twist and a short landing. First vault, the better of the two, for 9.4. Katharina Rensch, who I thought did the best vault, started with a handspring one half back tuck and her second vault a handspring front in pike position. Superior after flight about fifteen feet from the horse to a solid landing, score 9.325. Third place, Natascha Timakowa, USSR, I thought she should have won. Ten Sil Tscho received a three minute ovation for her first vault, a double front smack to her back. For her second vault she repeated the double only to land in squat position. (her backside did hit as the Cuban vaulter does) The girl from Korea scored 9.45. Ira Brigina 9.25 with a pike open style layout Tsuk and an extremely arched handspring front was fourth. Topalowa did the same two vaults with the same mistakes, fifth place 9.3.

Beam: Maxi Gnauck front front aerial, gainer back tuck, back handspring layout stepout (off balance), free front roll, back handspring step out, one foot front tuck (low) round off double dismount. First place with a score of 9.55. Not a precise routine but a score that held up because everyone else had problems. Olga Timakowa, press to

Rhonda Schwandt

reverse planch, back handspring (two feet) layout stepout, two back handsprings, front aerial (fall), two backhandsprings (two feet) double back dismount, 9.55. Veronica Vasile, Romania. press handstand, 1¼ pivot, back tuck, back walkover, back salto, back handspring, ½ turn, front aerial, front aerial, cartwheel double full (short) 9.05. Sherry Hawko, Canada, press ¾ pivot, front walkout, aerial front, aerial front, back walkover, back handspring backhandspring, gainer full dismount, 8.95. Fifth place with a similar score of 8.95 Gabriela Skalova (CSSR) Backwalkover, back handspring, back salto, aerial front (fall) back walkover two back handsprings, cartwheel double full (low).

Floor Exercises: First place Maxi Gnauck, Ro. ff full in, ro ff triple twist, third pass ro, ff arabian stepout, ro ff double full, 9.8. Extremely solid routine far and away the best in the meet) Second was Olga Timakowa, ro double pike, ro ff arabial, roff, full twist, final pass double full, 9.3. Ten Sil third place with ro, ff double back, second pass front stepout, ro, ff double twist and final pass ro, ff double (second double was as high as the first) score 9.4. Veronica Vasile Ro, ff double twist, ro ff 1½ step out, ro tuck back, ro, ff, double (short) 9.0. Fifth place Ira Briging, front stepout, ro, ff,double salto pike, ro ff full twist immediate back, ro, ff double twist dismount 8.95 (missing dance requirements)

To me the most impressive gymnast was the young Olga Timakowa. She has maturity far beyond her age and she has the dynamic explosiveness which makes ordinary moves look super. At twelve years of age she already has the difficulty. She will definitely be a contender in world class competition if she perfects her techniques.

The East German people were most friendly and showed a tremendous respect for all competitors and coaches. The meet was efficient, well run and super organized. The equipment was the safest I have seen.

This was Rhonda's first meet since her operation. Her knee started to swell so we scratched floor. Her vaulting was good with high handspring front only to buckle on landing. She qualified for finals on beam but once again had to scratch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the USGF for the trip. It was an eye opener for me as it was my first international meet.

Region I MRG

Hana Christie

Region I MRG Championships were held April 12, 1980 in Los Angeles, California. The meet director was Alla Svirskiy. The meet referee was Hana Christie. This event was hosted by the Los Angeles School of Gymnastics. Special thanks should go to this club's parent Association. All the members worked very hard to create a nice friendly atmosphere for all the participants.

There were 18 competitors in the junior division and 15 in the senior. Both divisions competed in optional Rope Hoop, Clubs, Ribbon and special Ball routines.

A surprise in the junior division was this years newcomer, Salina Woolery of the LA Lights. She took 0.1 lead over Lisa Arnson (LA Lights). Stacy Oversier, also LA Lights finished third, only 0.45 behind the winner. Kristina Kincaid (LA Lights) placed fourth and Shari Lester (Flips, Reno, Nev), was fifth. All 5 girls displaced good technical skills and qualified for the Nationals.

First place in the senior division went to Valerie Zimmering of LA Lights. At the age of 15 Valerie is already an experienced competitor. She performed her routines with confidence and without major errors. Sandra Shannon, LA Lights finished second all round and took first place in rope and clubs. The bronze medal for third place belongs to Nancy Neufeld, LA Lights. Fifteen year old Nancy has been improving her skills with every meet. Lydia Bree Crabtree, Region I 1979 Champion, had a very unlucky start. Serious mistakes in her hoop cost her valuable points for the all-around score. She finished fourth despite her tie for first place in ribbon and second in both rope and clubs.

JUNIOR DIVISION

All round
1. Salina Woolery 34.65
2. Lisa Aronson 34.55
3. Stacy Oversier 34.10
4. Kristina Kincaid 33.45
5. Shari Lester 31.80
6. Colen Duncan 29.65
7. Anne Danielewski 27.35
8. Terri Walker
9. Rhonda van Bursikirk 26.20
10. Coi Nelson 25.35

Rope
1. S. Oversier 8.85
2. S. Woolery 8.80
3. S. Lester 8.75

Hoop
1. S. Woolery 8.70
2. S. Oversier 8.60
3. K. Kincaid 8.40

Clubs
1. L. Aronson 9.15
2. S. Woolery 8.65
3. S. Lester 8.60

Ribbon
1. L. Aronson 8.60
2. S. Woolery 8.50
3. S. Oversier 8.25
S. Lester 8.25

SENIOR DIVISION

All round
1. Valerie Zimmering 36.35
2. Sandy Shannon 36.10
3. Nancy Neufeld 35.20
4. Lydia B. Crabtree 35.05
5. Maria Langen 32.26
6. Deena Sadek 32.05
7. Anne C. Marshall 31.35
8. Nancy Hovard 30.85
9. Mindy Garza 29.90
10. Renee M. Hack 29.60

Rope
1. S. Shannon 8.95
2. L.B. Crabtree 8.90
2. V. Zimmering 8.90

Hoop
1. V. Zimmering 9.10
2. S. Shannon 8.95
3. N. Neufeld 8.90

Clubs
1. S. Shannon 9.30
2. L.B. Crabtree 9.00
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Joint Certification Meeting
Minutes
April 24-26, 1980, Cincinnati, Ohio

I Members Present were
Darst-Chairperson
French-Certification Coordinator
Ammerman-Examination Distributor
McLellan-Written Examination Coordinator
Treiber-Compulsory Chairman
Ex-Officio-Sroufe-NAWGJ
Chencinski-USGF
Members absent-Fie-Practical Examination Coordinator
Ex-Officio absent-Murray-NAWGS

II. Minutes from September 27, 1979 were corrected as follows.
V-D should read- "All USGF/NAGWS judges who have passed an F I G Inter-Continental, FIG Continental or FIG National course will be exempt from the practical exam
The minutes were then accepted as corrected.

III Compulsory Committee
A As of April 23rd the registration for the Compulsory Clinics is as follows
Indiana-850
Rhode Island-500
California-352
Discussion followed on why California had so few registrants More publicity needs to be done on the clinics by the Joint Committee It was decided to ask the USGF to send a flyar immediately to all USGF members in Regions I, II, and III plus all USGF State Chairman in all other Regions Betty Sroufe will send the same to all judges in Regions I, II and III plus all State Judging Directors (See attached)

B The music has been recorded and 3,000 records have been ordered by the Joint Committee These will be sold at the clinics for $8 50 each.
Discussion followed on the contracts signed for the pressing of the record In the future it must be made clearer to those involved in writing the routines exactly what their rights and responsibilities will be Also we will not have a record company be the exclusive distributor of the music The Joint Committee will be such
There will be 1 500 records at Terre Haute
There will be 1,000 records at Rhode Island
There will be 500 records at California
A letter of thanks is to be sent by the chair to Mr John Niccollai who assisted us with the music contract with Statler

C At the present time it does not appear the books will be ready by the Clinics The following are the reasons for the delay
1 The art work was not complete until 3rd week in March
2 Change in format of book due to change in layout and increase in number of pages
If possible the Joint Committee will have the books for sale at the clinics as follows
Indiana-1 000-GWS Guides
1,000-USGF
Rhode Island-800 of each
California-600 of each
If the books are not ready then some form of the text will be available The Chair will make whatever arrangements are necessary.

D The films are complete and already being sent out for preview The Athletic Institute insisted that they had to be able to send them out prior to our release date for preview purposes In the future the release date must be stipulated in the contract and must not be before the other materials are made available
The Class I routines will be video taped at the Terre Haute clinic for sale It will be done from 2 angles and will be available June 15th from Indiana State

E The Compulsory Chairman s job description in outline form was distributed Discussion on F-Organize and Coordinate the Master s Workshops followed as to whether this should be included as the Compulsory Chairman's responsibility A decision on such will be made at a later date A more detailed description of procedure will be added to the Job Description

F The Compulsory Committee budget was discussed At the present time it is not clear what is included The following should be
1 Chairman's Expenses for meetings
2 Chairman s Expenses for carrying out job description
Expenses for the workshop should not be included but set up on a separate budget The workshop budget was presented It is still an estimated budget A full financial report will be forthcoming after the workshops are completed

G Recommendations for 1984-88 program
1 USGF, JOAGC and WTC recommend elements to be included in new routines They will be asked to do so
2 Discussion on length of time to use compulsories before changing USGF and GWS will be asked for input
3 Elements be selected by spring of 1981—Vaults by Spring 1983
4 Two master workshops be given in the same location on two different weekends This will be discussed more at the next meeting
5 Find out exactly how we are servicing GWS How many schools actually use the program and in what way Try and get more input from them on new program The Chair will discuss this with their Executive Director

IV Certification Coordinator
A The annual report of the office was presented
162 exams administered
6203 gymnastic officials with current ratings
The 1979 films have been retired and 12 new exam films are currently in circulation
The Joint Committee decided to keep one copy of the 1972-1976 Certification film and one copy of the 1976-1980 film for historical purposes The Joint Committee will do the same with past compulsory films

B The 1979 financial report was presented and the proposed 1980 budget was approved with some modifications The decision was made that after all outstanding bills were paid (Exception loan for Compulsory films) then the Certification Coordinator would be authorized to purchase a computer This would allow all of the Certification Program to be in one office that would not have to be tied into a university The office could efficiently be moved from one part of the country to another as the Certification Coordinator changed

C Examination Procedures-The following were passed
1 All requests for scheduling of film and test *must* be written with 3 dates given No phone requests accepted.
2 Mary McLellan will write up guidelines for the physical set-up for the examination in hopes of avoiding some problems which have occurred concerning ethics
3 Results of examinations will be given only as *Pass* or *Fail* No scores will be given out The TA must notify the people testing that this is the procedure
4 The meeting of all TA's at the Congress needs to be scheduled for Saturday from 9-11 A M Linda Chencinski was asked to schedule such
5 All person testing Class III or above for the t st time after July 1st must take all three parts of the exam (Practical, optional written and compulsory written)
6 Ratings to be given will be as follows
Class IV
Class III
Class II
Class I
This will be effective as of 4/26/80
7 Regional Judging Director Mary Van Grinsven has presented Guidelines for Practice Judging The Joint Committee has revised these to fit the National program and they will go out to each judge with the reporting forms

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V Written Examinations

A Assignments for writing the new compulsory exam were made Must be completed by May 10th

Sue Ammerman-Vault
Linda Chencinski-Floor Exercise
Betty Sroufe-Balance Beam
Mary McLellan-Uneven Bars
(Carolyn Bowers was unable to do so at this time)

B The GWS Guide article 'How to Establish a Rating Board' has been revised and sent to Washington All new procedures passed at this meeting have been included

C The written exams are to be reviewed by the following

USGF-Delene Darst-TC Chairman
Cheryl Grace-Judges Training Chairman
GWS-This needs to be established

Delene will discuss with Carol Thompson GWS Executive Director

D The new deductions for the Class IV routines will be effective on July 1st 1980 All exams given after that date will reflect such

E The annual GWS Report of Affiliated Boards was presented There are 38 active boards giving gymnastic ratings in 1979-80 There were six new boards established in 1979

VI Practical Exam Coordinator

A The practical exam was scored in Ft Worth by 4 Brevent judges 1/3 of score 8 National judges 1/3 of score Practical Examination Coodinator 1/3 of score All but two passed at the National level

B The new FIG rules will not be used for evaluating the film until the USGF Women's Technical Committee votes to use them at the Age Group level

C The cost of producing and purchasing the practical film was presented by the Certification Coordinator

VII Examination Distributor

A The yearly report was given Number of exams since October 1st that have been given is 123 All procedures running smoothly

VIII New Business

A All committee members were asked to present agenda items to the Chair by *September 1st 1980* for the next meeting (Note date)

B Appointment of Committee Personnel is due in 1980 The Chair will discuss with the respective organizations as to such The present chairpersons must consider whether they are willing to serve another term (4 years) Be prepared to answer by next meeting

C Requests from foreign judges moving into the USA were handled as in the past A National level judge from another country could begin at the NAGWS/USGF Class I level

D The question of Coaches Certification arose with discussion on possibility of Joint Committee moving in that direction The Chair will discuss with GWS what they are doing along these lines and also write to the Canadians (Boris Bojin) requesting information on their program

The next Joint Committee meeting will be October 2nd at the USGF Congress in St Louis It will be at the same time as last year if possible

Meeting adjorned at 4 45 P M, April 26th

Respectively
Delene Darst
Joint Committee Chairman

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Minutes-Men's Foreign Relations Committee
Hotel Royal Inn, Columbus, Ohio, April 26, 1980

Present Les Sasvary (Chairman), Ken Allen (Secretary), Leonard Isaacs, Fred Roethlisberger, Bill Roetzheim Also present for part/or all for the meeting were Roger Council (Executive Director Elect), Jay Ashmore (Events Director) and Mas Watanabe (Men's Program Director)
Absent Larry Moyer (excused)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sasvary at 9:15 a m

The minutes of the February 10 meeting were approved as read

Results of election of elite coaches representatives were announced Fred Roethlisberger was reelected for a two year term and Ken Allen was reelected for a one year term Note At the request of the F R C (Men) the executive committee devised a system to stagger terms of service on the F R C This year one representative was elected for the normal two year term while one was elected for a one year term Next year (1981) someone will be elected for a two year term when Ken Allen's term (one year) expires The same procedure will be used for the junior coaches' representatives following the junior olympic national championships

Cap Caudill of Gym Kin was introduced to the committee Since Gym Kin will be an official supplier to the U S G F , Cap was anxious to present samples of warmup and competition uniforms He discussed the qualities of material and design and committee members expressed opinions about the needs and desires of the athletes Bill Roetzheim moved that a uniform committee be formed consisting of two members each of the men's and women's F R C 's The committee would meet with a representative from Gym Kin at the Final Trials in Jacksonville, FL to choose uniforms for the Men's and Women's National Teams Second by Ken Allen Carried
Les Sasvary moved that the gymnasts who compete in the Final Trials will wear the uniform issued to them by Gym Kin at the Championships of the U S A (Men and Women) Second by Bill Roetzheim Carried
Bill Roetzheim moved that Gym Kin be asked to provide competition pants and jersey to all the gymnasts at the Final Trials The jersey should be a dark blue Second by Les Sasvary Carried Note Because the uniforms would be given to the gymnasts at the time of the competition they would not be required to wear them if there were problems with fit (especially with regard to the pants)
Bill Roetzheim moved that Ken Allen be appointed to develop a form for the gymnasts to evaluate the uniform Second by Les Sasvary Carried
Les Sasvary moved that Gym Kin be asked to provide team warmup for judges who travel with coaches and athletes out of the country for the purpose of officiating at international competitions Second by Fred Roethlisberger Carried
Cap Caudill was thanked for his presentation and further appreciation was extended to Gym Kin for its support of the U S G F gymnastics program
Bill Roetzheim moved that Ken Allen and Fred Roethlisberger be appointed to meet with representatives of the women's committee and Gym Kin to develop a national team uniform Second by Les Sasvary Carried

Petitions were received for two gymnasts (Kurt Thomas and Bart Conner) into the Final Trials It was moved by Bill Roetzheim that these gymnasts be accepted into the Final Trials pending receipt of medical evidence Second by Ken Allen Carried

The committee received an official Letter of Resignation from Roger Council as Olympic Coach (major reason being new responsibilities as Executive Director) It was moved by Bill Roetzheim that Francis Allen (current assistant olympic coach) be named as Head Coach of the 1980 Olympic Team Second by Fred Roethlisberger Carried
The 1980 Olympic Trials were discussed
Bill Roetzheim moved that the 1980 Olympic Team be the six men with the highest all around score from the compulsory and optional competition at the Final Trials There would be one additional non competing member of the team (the seventh place finisher) Second by Fred Roethlisberger Carried The Final Trails will be held in Jacksonville, FL for men and women May 25-27
Because it is expected that the U S Olympic Team will not go to Moscow, the planned training camp in June has been cancelled
A five city tour following the Olympic Trials has been developed by Jay Ashmore and Rick Appleman The purpose of the tour is to promote our 1980 Olympic Team as well as the sport of gymnastics in general The tour would be for the top 12 male and female gymnasts from the Final Trials and would feature a mixed pairs type of competition The tour would run from June 5-15 and would include the following stops

June 5-Cobo Hall, Detroit
June 7-Rosemont Horizon, Chicago
June 11-Market Square, Indianapolis
June 13-Sports Arena, San Diego
June 15-Forum, Los Angeles

Francis Allen was invited to the meeting and was asked to name his assistant He requested that Bill Meade be named as assistant coach Bill Roetzheim moved that Bill Meade be named as Assistant Olympic Coach Second by Leonard Isaacs Carried

The upcoming international calendar was discussed
Leonard Isaacs moved that we not accept the Golden Sands Invitational because of the proximity to the Final Trials and an overlap with the five city tour Second by Fred Roethlisberger Carried
An invitation to Italy for a full team was also turned down because the dates conflicted with the five city tour
Bill Roetzheim moved that the 1980 Olympic Team and coaching staff travel to West Germany as originally planned Second by Leonard Isaacs Carried
The original plan to go to Holland prior to West Germany was not confirmed at this point because of incomplete technical arrangements with the Dutch Federation The concensus was to maintain the original plan (refer to minutes of February 10) if the details can be worked out
Ken Allen moved that we accept Japan's invitation to the Chunichi Cup Nov 29-30 with specific assignment of gymnasts to be made at our next meeting Second by Leonard Isaacs Carried
The remaining invitations were tabled until the next meeting (Final Trials)

Bill Roetzheim moved that our committee (FRC) recommend that the U S G F Board of Directors establish a policy regarding individuals who arrange for competitions involving U S National Team members and/or foreign athletes It is further recommended that the U S G F Office negotiate a contract with said individual and the contract would, in turn, be brought to the U S G F Contract Committee for final action Second by Ken Allen Carried
*Leonard Isaacs moved that legal counsel be consulted before any specific recommendations are made by the Board of Directors Second by Bill Roetzheim Carried

Ken Allen moved that any gymnast who scored 111 points or more at U S G F approved competition would be qualified for the 1981 Championships of the U S A Second by Bill Roetzheim Carried

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	Opt.	34 650		Opt	34 800
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Greenblatt K.	Comp	36 900	Shaffner, M	Comp	35 700
	Opt.	34 300		Opt.	34.500
	Total	71.200		Total	70.200
Boyd C	Comp	35 900	Lipschultz, R	Comp	36 150
	Opt	35 150		Opt	34 050
	Total	71 050		Total	70.200
Beck K	Comp	35 850	Higa, A	Comp	36 350
	Opt.	35.200		Opt.	33.800
	Total	71 050		Total	70 150
Repmann S	Comp	35.550	Ritanour M	Comp	36 500
45	Opt.	35 450	55	Opt.	33 450
	Total	71 000		Total	69 950
Sica, S	Comp	36 350	Sjoberg, T	Comp	36 300
	Opt	34 600		Opt	33 500
	Total	70 950		Total	69 800
Spector, A	Comp	36 100	Bilagan J	Comp	35 950
	Opt	34 850		Opt	33.200
	Total	70 950		Total	69 150
George L	Comp	37.250	Renick, K.	Comp	34 750
	Opt.	33 550		Opt.	34 150
	Total	70 800		Total	68 900
Kimura M	Comp	36 150	McVay, L	Comp	36 900
	Opt	34 400		Opt	17 400
	Total	70 550		Total	54 300
Andrews T	Comp	36.800			
50	Opt.	33 650			
	Total	70 450			

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Criteria for U S G F approval would be that a meet be judged by nationally certified judges and that the format be such that team, all around and/or individual event winners be determined by a composite of compulsory and optional exercise scores.

*Leonard Isaacs moved that Championships of the U S A be limited to 24 gymnasts. Second by Les Sasvary. Note: The intent of the motion is to limit the size of the meet because of the length of time of the meet with larger numbers of gymnasts and because of the heavy financial burden when paying full expenses of all gymnasts. Carried.

Ken Allen moved that, in the event that twenty four gymnasts do not achieve the qualifying score, the remaining positions to total twenty four will be filled be gymnasts on the basis of rank order by scores received at a U S G F regional qualifying meet. Second by Leonard Isaacs. Carried.

Leonard Isaacs moved that there by two U S G F regional qualifying meets held no closer than three weeks prior to the 1981 Championships of the U S A. These meets (2) would be held on the same dates (a gymnast would be allowed to compete in only one U S G F qualifying meet). Second by Fred Roethlisberger. Carried.

There was a very brief report made by those involved in developing manual of rules and policies for the boys and mens program. Progress is being made.

A report was given by Mas Watanabe on the Junior Olympic Program. Mas distributed copies of a new publication "Gymnastics Bulletin". This publication will be sent "to every U S G F registered gymnast at no additional cost and to any interested coach or gymnastics supporter for an annual fee of $2.00 (sent to U S G F Office, Attention: Gymnastics Bulletin)."

Representatives of the junior coaches will be elected to the FRC (Men) at the 1980 Junior Olympic National Championships. The two representatives will be elected from among and by the coaches of the top ten gymnasts in the advanced division at the competition. The person with the most votes will be elected for a two year term and the person with the next highest amount of votes will be elected for a one year term. In 1981, and every year after, an election will be held to fill one of the two positions for a two year term.

The following is a tentative general schedule of major events for 1981:

American Cup: March 6-8
NCAA Division I National Championships: April 2-4
U S G F Regional Meets: April 24-26
Championships of the U S A: May 21-23
National Sports Festival: July 24-29
World University Games (Bucharest, Romania)
First week in August
Final Trials for World Championships: October 16-17
World Championships (Mexico City): November 20-27

Discussion developed on the pros and cons of breaking ties for placements in the Championships. Fred Roethlisberger moved that ties for placements in the Championship of the U S A will *not* be broken. Second by Bill Roetzheim. Carried.

There was some discussion of some of the differences between N C A A and F I G rules of competition as they relate to U S G F sponsored competitions. There was a general feeling that any deviation in rules should be approved by the F R C and announced to coaches and athletes as far in advance of any competition as possible. Bill Roetzheim moved that in all domestic competitions sponsored by the U S G F the N C A A hand guard rule would be in effect, i.e. in case of a gymnastics hand guard failure a second trial shall be allowed at the discretion of the head judge. Second by Les Sasvary. Carried.

Because of the state of flux in which the Olympic coaching staff has been the guidelines for behavior of national team members has not been finalized. The new coaching staff has been asked to present a set of guidelines to the F R C prior to the Final Trials. The F R C will, in turn, issue approved guidelines to the national team.

Fred Roethlisberger moved that no athlete should accept expenses for travel to the Championships of the U S A. Final Trials or any training camps unless the athlete is capable of full participation. Second by Leonard Isaacs. Carried.

The next meeting of the F R C (Men) will be the morning of Tuesday, May 27 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Allen, Secretary

*Refer to minutes of May 26 meeting.

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Minutes-Men's Foreign Relations Committee
Holiday Inn-City Center, Jacksonville, Florida, May 26, 1980

Present Les Sasvary (Chairman), Ken Allen (Secretary), Larry Moyer, Fred Roethlisberger, Bill Roetzheim. Also present was Mas Watanabe (Men's Program Director)
Absent Leonard Isaacs (excused)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sasvary at 9.30 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Relative to the action taken to "recommend that the U.S.G.F. Board of Directors establish a policy regarding individuals who arrange for competitions, involving U.S. National Team members..." we discussed the second action taken in that paragraph. Bill Roetzheim moved to amend Leonard Isaac's motion to read, "Leonard Isaacs moved *to recommend* that legal counsel be consulted..." Second by Les Sasvary. Carried.

Discussion centered around materials received by FRC members when we arrived for the meeting at 9.00 a.m. Since it took almost thirty minutes to review all the information it was felt by committee members that the USGF office should make every attempt to get this sort of information to FRC members as long in advance of our meeting as possible.

The five city tour was discussed. It was pointed out that a contract was made between Rick Appleman and the USGF office and that all the details of the tour were being developed by Rick Appleman. The FRC has been involved only in that it was asked to recommend the athletes and coaches who would participate. The FRC expressed a concern that it was not consulted in any way prior to arrangements being made. Because the FRC presently has the responsibility of determining events for National Team members this type of tour could potentially create a variety of conflicts. FRC also expressed a concern for how some of the technical aspects of this "exhibition" tour would be determined, i.e. pairings, rules of competition, selection of judges, etc.

The FRC will follow the long standing procedure of using the rank order of gymnasts at the final trials for assignment to this tour. If necessary, i.e. if any of the top twelve gymnasts cannot participate, the rank order will be followed from the final trials gymnasts to the rank order of the gymnasts who competed at the Championships of the U.S.A.
Ken Allen moved to recommend that, whenever the USGF office enters into any contract with private individuals for such tours, local gymnastics organizations be consulted for possible conflicts of events. Second by Bill Roetzheim. Carried. Note: The tour created a serious conflict with the Illinois State High School Championships at the Rosemont Horizon on June 7.

The Dutch and West German exhibition and competition tour is proceeding as originally scheduled. It will include the dates of June 23 through July 5.

Action taken in the April 26 meeting relative to the 1981 Championships of the USA was discussed. Les Sasvary moved to rescind Leonard Isaac's motion "that the Championships of the USA be limited to 24 gymnasts." Second by Larry Moyer. Carried. Note: The effect of this motion will be that we will have a minimum of 24 gymnasts (based on other action taken by the FRC at the April 26 meeting) but if more than 24 gymnasts score over 111 points they will all be qualified for the 1981 Championships of the USA.

Tom Beach's petition into the final Olympic trials was denied by a 5-1 vote. This action had actually taken place by a telephone poll several weeks prior to the trials.

The uniform committee had nothing to report at this time. A meeting was to be held the next day between the subcommittees of the men's and women's FRC's. Note: That meeting was held and a national team uniform was selected. There would be one for competition and one for practice, each of them being different colors. The uniforms would be in effect for the next four years. Gym-Kin would also be providing other clothing items for practice and competition for the gymnasts.

A tie breaking policy for determining team makeup at Olympic, World Championships and Pan American Games trials was discussed. Les Sasvary moved that first, the compulsory AA score and second, the total AA score from the first trials (USA Championships or other semi-final trials) be used to break any ties. Second by Bill Roetzheim. Carried. Note: It had been decided by the FRC prior to this final Olympic Trials that first, the optional AA score and second the highest optional event score by used to break any ties. This rationale was used because we were not going to Moscow and the compulsory exercises would not be used in West Germany.

Bill Roetzheim moved that the Olympic Team and coaching staff remain intact for the Dutch/German tour and for any official competition arranged by the USOC as an alternate to Moscow Olympics. Second by Larry Moyer. Carried.

Mas Watanabe brought to the attention of the committee correspondence from West Germany requesting a combined training camp. We were informed by Marlene Bene, Olympic Coordinator, that we had sufficient funds for such a training camp. Bill Roetzheim moved that we plan to have such a training camp with the West German National Team the last week in July and the first week in August. Second by Ken Allen. Carried.

This training camp would concentrate on the 1984 Olympic Compulsory Exercises. It would be mandatory for all National Team members. The top five gymnasts from the senior division of the Junior Olympic National Championships would also be invited. Bill Roetzheim moved that the NGJA Regional Technical Director from the region in which the camp is held be required to be in attendance at the camp. Second by Les Sasvary. Carried.

It was recommended that the USGF consider bids for the site of the training camp.

Les Sasvary moved that we send our top seven national team members (from final trials) to the competition in China November 17-27. Second by Bill Roetzheim. Carried.

Fred Roethlisberger moved that the remainder of the National Team members be alternately assigned to the Greek and Austrian invitations and that members of the Junior National team be added up to complete the team. Second by Ken Allen. Carried. Note: We do not have complete details on either of these invitations and our recommendations should be considered preliminary.

Bill Roetzheim moved that we do not accept the Barcelona Invitation. Second by Ken Allen. Carried.

Fred Roethlisberger moved that the top two gymnasts from the final trials who go to China be assigned to the Chunichi Cup. Second by Les Sasvary. Carried.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN
Ft. Worth, Hilton
Jan. 20, 1980

Members present Sue Ammerman, Linda Chencinski Delene Darst Jackie Fie Cheryt Grace, Ed Knepper, Bill Strauss Connie Maloney

Guests Frank Bare, Jay Ashmore Marlene Bene, and Bill Valentine

1 The minutes of the December 7 1979 meeting were read and accepted as corrected (Opinions was changed to read-discussion followed)

2 *Olympic Trials*

a Meet format The Olympic Trials would consist of 1 day of compulsory competition (May 26) and 1 day of optional competition (May 27) The training squad would be made of gymnasts 1-10

b The FRC discussed the fact that with the Olympics in Moscow Carol Stabisevdki would not be able to represent our country as the official pianist We must look carefully into the selection of a new pianist Those to be considered were Sheila Simpsen and Art Maddox Other suggestions will be taken by the FRC

c The Executive Committee of the USGF has given the FRC for Women the authority prior to departing to the Olympic Games if deemed necessary to change members of the team for just cause Any member that has a gymnast on the squad would not take part in the evaluation

d Training Camps and International Competition prior to the Olympics

1 The FRC selected to accept West German's invitation to train and compete in West Germany prior to the Olympic Games

2 The Following program will be used for our Olympic Training Squad

The Training squad will travel to the training camp on June 26, 1980 (site not yet determined)

June 27-training

June 28-29-the squad will be reviewed by the FRC and coaches (head and assistant Coach) It will then be decided what 8 gymnasts will travel to West Germany

June 30 Last minute preparations

July 1-Travel to West Germany

July 2-4 Training and observation by Coaches (head and assis) the two judges and Chairman of the FRC Discussion will be held, but the final decision of who competes is that of the coaches They will determine which gymnasts returns home

July 7-12-Training and travel to Berlin for processing to Moscow

July 19-26-Gymnastics part in the Olympics (Coach and Assist) will consult with the Judges (Delene and Jackie) but will decide who the alternate will be for the competition

Removal of gymnast is only due to just cause

*DUE TO THE BOYCOTT THIS PLAN WILL BE ALTERED WEST GERMANY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE COMPETITION DATE BE MOVED UP TO June 28 AND THE COMPETITION BE OPTIONALS ONLY

3 Mr Bare showed the display prints of the proposed training center being discussed by the people of Ft Worth

4 Mr Carol Stabisevski gave a brief report to the FRC on his observations and opinions concerning the World Championships Team One major recommendation was make sure of our Olympic Squad having a complete physical prior to June 26 1980

5 Olympic Coach-The FRC decided that due to the authority to be given to the coach and assistant coach no coach would be selected by the FRC and then that individual would select the assistant coach

Ernie Weaver Olympic Coach and she selected as her assistant coach Paul Ziert

6 The gymnasts selected by the USGF office for the American Cup were Tracee Talavera and Marcia Frederick

7 A special thanks to Marlene Bene for the computation of the gymnasts international scores It took a great deal of time and is greatly appreciated by the FRC

The charts gave the gymasts all around scores optional scores and compulsory scores Then each gymnasts ranking according to an optional average compulsory average and all around average

8 The FRC has instructed the National Program Director for Women to make all the official USGF International Meet invitations in writing and be sent to the coach and copy sent to the gymnasts parents Response from the coach should be in writing to the National Program Director for Women The letter sent to the gymnasts parents should be the letter appearing in the 6 year plan Copies of the letters of invitation should be sent to the FRC chairman

9 International Meet Selection

a Moscow & Riga cancelled due to National Security Lisa Shirk and Susie Van Slyke Coach Jim Gault

b Puerto Rico
Lisa Zeis and Lucy Collins Coach Kathy Tibbets

c DDR-Rhonda Schwandt Coach Bruce Burns

d Romanian Invitational-Marcia Frederick Coach-Rich Carlson

e Hungarian Invitational-Kathy Johnson Coach-Tom Cook

f CSSR-Leslie Russo Coach-Rich Wagner

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Minutes-Men's Foreign Relations Committee
Holiday Inn-City Center, Jacksonville, Florida, May 26, 1980

Bill Roetzheim moved that we do not accept the Barcelona Invitation. Second by Ken Allen. Carried.

Fred Roethlisberger moved that the top two gymnasts from the final trials who go to China be assigned to the Chunichi Cup. Second by Les Sasvary. Carried.

Bill Roetzheim moved that if Malaysia offers to pay the expenses for a US exhibition team to go to Malaysia in December we should accept their invitation. Second by Les Sasvary. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 27.

As a result of the competition, the US National Team was reranked as follows:

1 Bart Conner	9 Casey Edwards
2 Jim Hartung	10 Wallace Miller
3 Peter Vidmar	11 Tom Hardin
4 Ron Galimore	12 Kevin Prady
5 Phil Cahoy	13 Breck Grigas
6 Larry Gerard	14 Mitch Gaylord
7 Mike Wilson	15 Brian Meeker
8 Tim LaFleur	16 Carlos Spivey

As a result of the reranking, the following assignments of gymnasts have been made:

Chine (Nov 17-27)	**Chunichi Cup** (Nov 29-Dec 4)
Conner	Conner
Hartung	Hartung
Vidmar	
Galimore	
Cahoy	
Gerard	
Wilson	
Greece (September ?)	**Austria** (Nov 6-10)
Edwards	LaFleur
Hardin	Miller
Grigas	Prady
Meeker	Gaylord
Plus three juniors	Spivey
	Plus two juniors

Since all members of the FRC were not present nominations were made for coaches for all of these competitions and a ballot will be sent out to all FRC members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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10 Injury Petitions
a The FRC will consider Jeanine Creeks injury petition to the Olympic Trials of one Week prior to the Championships of the USA medical validation is received by the FRC stating the reason or reasons she is physically not capable of competing in the Championships of the USA
b Kelly McCoy s petition was directed to the FRC stating their decision Not under the control of the FRC

New Business
1 Bill Valentine presented plans for the development of a preelite program He requested that the FRC send written comments to him concerning the plan Bill plans to present this program to the Elite Development Committee at the Championships of the USA Coaches to assist in screening as selected by Bill are Bill Strauss Danny Warbutton, Nancy Roach and Patsy Westra
2 Jackie Fie s presentation
a Bill Valentine to send to all the regions the 81-84 Elite Compulsories Give them to all coaches who have qualified gymnasts to the Championships of the USA Give them out at the 1st Nat Elite Meet
b Clinic for the new Elite Compulsories some time in September
To be decided at the next FRC meeting
c Judges course for the USA around August 1980
d Interpretor for the judges course in Moscow requested
e Invitation for Carol Ann Lethran to the American Cup
f New Code will be used at the Olympics in Moscow
g All routines will be taped at the Championships of the USA for study
h The National Program Director for Women is responsible for sending report forms to judges going on international trips as well as to the coaches and gymnasts Judging report is returned to Fie Bare and Ammerman Confidential goes to Bare and Fie
3 The next meeting of the FRC will be held at the Championships of the USA, 9 00 A M , April 19 1980

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
NIAGARA, NEW YORK
1st National Elite Qualification Meet

Members Present. Sue Ammerman, Linda Chencinski, Delene Darst Cheryl Grace, Bill Strauss
Guest Bill Valentine

It was brought to our attention that Lisa Shirk, who was in the Championships of the USA 79 and was selected to attend the Barelona Invitational Meet that was cancelled never received an international meet and those placing lower in order received trips

The FRC decided due to this oversite of Lisa Shirk not being able to attend her assigned international meet (cancelled) that she be allowed to be the 1st alternate to scheduled meets in the spring of 80 up to the Championship of the USA

FRC Policy for Cancelled meets-If a girl is given a meet and it is cancelled, the FRC will make all attempts to re-assign her even if we have entered another selection period Nothing will be published until the official invitation has been received from the host country Then the selection may be announced

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
April 19, 1980
Salt Lake City, Utah

MEMBERS PRESENT Sue Ammerman Linda Chencinski Delene Darst, Jackie Fie, Jim Gault*, Ed Knapper and Don Peters**, GUESTS Jay Ashmore, Frank Bare, Marlene Bene Roger Council, Bill Valentine

*-Elected representative from coaches for a two year term

**-Elected representative from the coaches for a one year term

1 The minutes were read from the previous meeting on Jan 20 1980 Ft Worth, Texas and accepted as corrected (Dates of the Olympic Trials-May not June) Dates-25, 26, 27

2 Discussion was held concerning the cancellation of the Moscow-Riga meet. The FRC decided that the entire party would be sent to the Golden Sands Invitational in June (Susie Van Slyke Lisa Shirk and Jim Gault as coach)

3 The minutes of the FRC meeting held at the First National Elite Qualification meet, Niagara Falls N Y , Jan 25 1980 were read and accepted

4 Discussion was held concerning the term "Just Cause" in relation to the Olympic Team it was decided that we should not attach a specific set of causes, and thus enable the Olympic Coach and her assistant the freedom the FRC feels is necessary

5 The following agenda items were tabled until our next meeting at the Trials

a Pianist vs orchestration
b Training Camps
c Exhibition offers-(Athens)
d International gymnast selection

6 Mr Bare spoke to the FRC concerning several tours that will be provided by various business firms He stressed that these are not USGF events but are sanctioned by the USGF

Thus a gymnast ot our National Team may attend the events, but it is not a mandatory event The goal of these tours is to promote gymnastics and recognize our gymnasts not attending the Olympics

Mr Bare stated that Pacific Championships will be held Oct 4-9 The meet format will be improved over last years championships.

7 West Germany has requested that the dates for our competition with them be moved up to June 28 1980 Thus our team would leave around June 24th or so The FRC accepted this recommendation and will be sending our Olympic Team Plus 2 alternates (Mandatory competition for gymnasts 1-8) Optional competition only

A motion to send our Olympic Team to West Germany and make it optional for the gymnasts to attend was defeated

8 Ernie Weaver was invited to the meeting and the West Germany competition was explained along with her responsibilities Ernie and Paul will receive from the FRC chairman, the coach and assistant coach duties and responsibilities as listed in the 6 year plan One concern Ernie had was that of uniforms Marlene Bene explained that Gym Kin would be providing a National Team uniform for the next 4 years All the National Team members would have this uniform (3 warm ups and about 6 leotards)

Gary Seibert was invited to the FRC meeting to show the warm ups that are being considered The FRC appointed a wardrobe committee to assist Gym Kin in the selection of leotards and warm ups for our teams Chairman-Marlene Bene, Delene Darst, coaching staff of specific event and 2 athletes This selection should be done 6 months prior to the event

9 The FRC passed the motion to purchase film for Jim Gault to film the finals of the Championships so that Ernie and Paul may study the routines ($100 00 to $150 00 worth of film)

10 An update on the gymnasts performance chart was presented by Bill Valentine

11 Injury petitions were received by the FRC for the following gymnasts Tory Wilson Lisa Shirk Jeanine Creak, Gigi Ambandos, Sandy Wirth, *Linda Kardos and *Heidi Anderson (*Members of the World Championships Squad of 1979 and thus are taken to the Trials)

A motion to accept all injury petitions to the Trials was defeated

Discussion was held concerning if a member of the FRC has a gymnast in question should they be allowed to vote on that issue It was found that under Robert's Rules this would not be legal to deprive a voting member a vote

Bill Strauss and Don Peters removed themselves from voting on their gymnast A secret ballot request was passed

Much discussion and consideration was given over each petition The results are as follows

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Tory Wilson-denied
Lisa Shirk-passed
Jeanine Creek-passed
Gigi Ambandos-passed
Sandy Wirth-passed

12 Discussion was held concerning the official letter of invitation to an international event going to parents and coaches It was agreed that the letter should first be sent to the coach and 2 days later the letter to the parents This allows coaches time for discussion with the parents and the gymnast

It was requested by the FRC that Don Peters and Jim Gault notify the coaches that they should be responding in writing to the National Program Director for Women either their acceptance or rejection of the invitation for themselves or the gymnast

Bill Valentine was instructed to include a response form with the letter of invitation

Report forms must be sent to the USGF office following the event It is coaches first obligation to give the results and report first to the USGF for publication before any other source is given a report This was stressed because of the complaint from Jack Mertes that USGF received meet reports after other publications had the report in print.

13 The need was felt that a highly qualified doctor or trainer accompany our team on international or domestic trips This person should be highly skilled in the specific needs of gymnasts and particularly athletic injuries

Bill Valentine was requested to contact leading sports medicine doctors and trainers to see if any would be interested in traveling with our team on trips

14 The FRC asked that the opinion of the Elite Development Committee and Elite Coaches Association be asked concerning when Trials in 1981 should occur An attempt will be made to coordinate dates with the USGF office prior to setting up the schedule

15 Bill Valentine requested that the FRC support his attending international events such as the European Championships and West Germany Meet

The FRC has made the following recommendation to the Executive Director to the USGF That the National Program Director for Women attend all National Elite Qualification Meets, Championships domestic International competitions and that International championships be alternated between the Men and Women's Program Directors So that tal Program Director for Women can fulfill the job responsibilities as stated in the job description of the 6 Year Plan

16 Next FRC meeting will be at the Olympic Trials, May 27, 1980 at 9 00 A M

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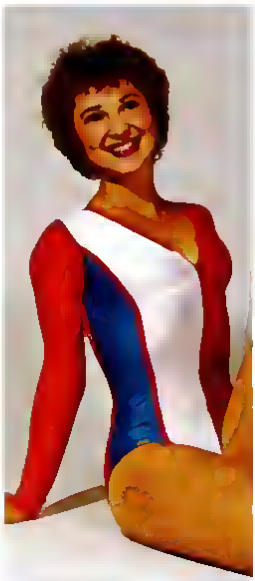

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